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Extra taxes with deficit Budget

Unemployment feared | 6% C-o-L rise due

THE FINANCE Minister yesterday accompanied his Budget for 1975/76 with new levies expected to raise the cost of living a further six per cent. The State Budget predicts revenue of IL54,800m., and plans an expenditure of IL56,300m.—a deficit of IL1,500m. The new taxes—a 7.5 per cent super-purchase tax on everything except basic foods and textiles; a new item on the local economic scene, a payroll tax of 7.5 per cent; higher excise on local cigarettes raising their price by about 40 ag. a pack.

There was considerable opposition within the Cabinet to the new imposts, and even within the Alignment itself, and while the Opposition factions in the Knesset, naturally, spoke strongly against them in yesterday's debate, the Histadrut muttered bitterly of broken Treasury promises and the risk of rising unemployment. Finance Minister Yeshayahu Rabinowitz told the House something of the economic cost of the Yom Kippur War, and noted that 40 per cent of his budget goes for defence. Real wages must not be allowed to rise, he warned, adding hopefully that material welfare will improve in the not-distant future if the nation shoulders its present economic responsibilities. (Budget reactions, p.2; Analyses p.4).

Army coup in Greece foiled

ATHENS (UPI). — The Greek Government said it foiled a coup attempt yesterday by army officers still loyal to the deposed military dictatorship that ruled Greece for seven years.

"The situation is under full control of the Government throughout the entire nation," a Government spokesman said. He said Premier Constantine Karamanlis ordered a partial alert of the armed forces following "conspiratorial movements by unrepenting officers related to those (members) of the dictatorial regime awaiting trial."

Armed forces sources said a small number of young officers loyal to Brigadier Dimitrios Ioannides, former strongman and military police commander, were plotting to stage a military coup yesterday. The sources said the officers planned to overthrow the seven-month-old democratic regime led by Karamanlis or to force it to release Ioannides and two of his top lieutenants.

A military source said at least 28 of the "unrepentant" officers had been arrested in Athens and other garrisons.

Thousands of Turks in political riots

ANKARA (Reuter). — The Turkish army was called in to quell fighting yesterday between rightist and leftist political factions in eastern Turkey for the second day running, with clashes leaving 100 people injured, according to the Independent Haber news agency.

The agency reported a police spokesman as saying that troops broke up clashes in the town of Erzincan involving between 3,000 and 4,000 demonstrators, who attacked each other with sticks, stones and bare fists. On Sunday, a teenage boy was killed and 50 people injured.

ON GUARD despite Purim; marking Purim despite guard duty. This soldier does his best, at peril of defying dress regulations, to keep up the carnival spirit within the limits set by the security situation—Purim report, page 3. (Yosef Grinberg)

El Arish flood toll rises to 18 known dead

Jerusalem Post Staff

EL ARISH. — Search parties near here yesterday recovered the bodies of a further six victims of the flash floods that swept through North Sinai this weekend, but officials said it was too early to estimate the total number of victims.

The bodies of three others were spotted by search planes combing the area yesterday. As many survivors continued to seek their tribes and families, two of the bodies, both of small girls, remained unidentified. There were nine known dead on Saturday.

Many of the 200 homeless Beduin were taking refuge with local families or in an elementary school. Another 150 persons were to be evacuated from their homes because of the flood damage. The Welfare Ministry has distributed tents, blankets, clothing and food, some of it provided by international charities.

The Health Ministry announced yesterday that the local hospital has all the supplies necessary. Five local doctors and two Israeli nurses are caring for the injured.

The flow of water in Wadi El Arish had stopped completely by yesterday noon, with only puddles, piles of mud and a layer of yellow loess soil giving evidence of the floods, the worst in 60 years... Roads north and south of El Arish town were cleared of mud, with gravel laid down in place where the road was swept away, but only heavy vehicles could get through.

El Arish is still suffering disruptions in the water and electricity supply, and telephone service has not been restored.

Bahai on Arab blacklist

CAIRO (AP). — The Arab Boycott of Israel conference decided yesterday to blacklist the Bahai religious sect and ban its activities in any Arab country because their members send money to Israel, commissioner-general Mohamed Mahgoub said after the first session.

Representatives from 17 Arab nations also decided during their five-hour meeting to blacklist foreign companies selling industrial plants or spare parts to Israel, Mahgoub said.

The action against the Bahai sect came a day after Mahgoub told the organization the blacklist was not religiously or racially motivated.

The non-denominational Bahai movement, developed in Iran late in the last century, set up headquarters in Haifa in the 1920s. The sect has expanded operations since and has a centre in Wilmette, Illinois.

According to Mahgoub, the Boycott Office "has proof they (Bahai's) have been sending money to Israel and enjoy Israel support in their attempt to discredit the Arabs."

Four-way Arab meeting due next month

CAIRO (Reuter). — Egypt has welcomed a call by Syria for a meeting of the four Arab parties directly involved the confrontation with Israel, an Arab League official said yesterday.

A date is expected to be set early next month for the meeting which would bring together the foreign ministers of Egypt, Syria and Jordan and representatives of the PLO.

It is not clear whether the meeting will take place before or after Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's planned trip to the Middle East next month.

The purpose of the meetings of the four Arab parties is to settle differences between Jordan and the PLO and to seek a unified Arab position.

Schoolboy dies after being hit by teacher

By AVRAHAM YAHEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TAIBE. — A 16-year-old schoolboy died in this Samarian village yesterday afternoon after being cuffed by his teacher in the playground of the local high school.

The boy's younger sister died suddenly last week.

The boy, Abdul Aziz Shehadeh, apparently left class without permission and the teacher went after him. He cuffed the boy sharply on the back of the neck, causing him to fall heavily to the ground. When he failed to get up, a doctor was called from the village clinic and certified the boy's death on the spot. His body was sent for autopsy, and the teacher held for questioning.

Extra police were brought into the village as tension rose following the incident, with fears of a blood feud developing. *(Itim)*

Tsur placed under arrest

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Michael Tsur, former managing director of the Israel Corporation and chairman of the board of Zim, was arrested yesterday by the fraud section of the police who said they expect to bring him before a magistrate today or tomorrow.

Mr. Tsur was called in for questioning yesterday and during the course of the investigation the police informed him that he was under arrest. He had been questioned several times by the police during the past months but until now he was never held.

A few weeks ago detectives of the fraud section descended on the Tsur home in a morning raid. They brought away a number of documents which they have since been studying.

The police said that Tsur had used his positions in various companies to transfer funds to Vaduz corporations, in an effort to save the financial position of banker Tibor Rosenbaum.

Rabinowitz calls for discipline, restraint

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

THE BUDGET FOR 1975/76 is dominated by the enormous burden of defence. It will take IL22,000m., or 40 per cent of the entire Estimates, Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz pointed out, when presenting his Budget to the Knesset yesterday morning.

He recalled that, since the State was founded, it has taken in more than 1,500,000 immigrants, and fought four wars. Exports, which were 10 per cent of imports at the beginning, had reached two-thirds on the eve of the Yom Kippur war. Now they are back to one-half again. "This war cost us a year's output or, to put it another way, it cost all the increase in output that can be achieved over a whole decade."

Other factors have contributed to the deterioration in the balance of trade. Since 1972, defence imports have increased by $1,300m. a year, the cost of basic-food imports by $530m., the cost of fuel imports by $600m. and debt service by $550m. These four items together are swelling the country's import bill by $3,000m.

Real wages must not increase, he warned. They should keep up with rising prices through the cost-of-living allowance — and that should not compensate either for inflated import prices, or for the devaluation, or for the new taxes. Increased productivity can solve problems and help reduce the present constraints. A one per cent rise in productivity means an extra IL700m. of output, or $100m. of exports.

It was thought before the Yom Kippur War that military expenses would form an ever-diminishing percentage of the nation's resources, so ambitious developments were launched in housing, medical services and education. The physical facilities have in fact grown faster than the supply of qualified personnel to operate them. Investment should now be concentrated on "human capital," through training, improved efficiency, and so on. Clinics, laboratories and X-ray installations could cope with a larger number of patients without any increase in size, provided they were organized properly, he said.

Tax revenue, which increased by 64 per cent in 1974/75, will increase by only 34 per cent in the coming year, owing to the slowdown in economic activity. If we include compulsory loans, municipal rates and social security contributions, Israel's fiscal system collects 64 per cent of the national income — the highest proportion of any country.

"We intend to levy the full tax-rate from all sectors," he promised. Every firm will be required to keep books. Penalties will be stepped up for tax evasion.

Mr. Rabinowitz stressed that, "If the nation shoulders these tasks, it will prevent the alternative, which is the onset of unemployment and a drastic collapse of living standards. It will also lay the groundwork for a resumption in the not-distant future of rapid economic growth and improved material welfare.

"The burden must be shared equitably. The Government will look after the weaker sector of the community. As to the rest — self-discipline and self-restraint are the order of the day," the Minister concluded.

Because of the new taxes, to the tune of IL2,000m., approved by the Cabinet in the early hours of yesterday morning, the Finance Minister had to alter two pages of his 29-page address, which had been printed earlier.

Announcing the deferment in State expenditure of IL1,000m. in the first quarter, the Minister explained that revenues are relatively much slower in coming in, during April, May and June, while expenditure is usually high. To avoid this gap which usually creates the problem of pumping money into the economy, he said, the Treasury will permit only 20 per cent of the expenditure for the year instead of the normal 25 per cent.

Announcing the new taxes, he said the employment tax would be integrated into the value added tax, on its inception.

Basic commodities would not go up in price, however, and the taxes would cause overall price increases of not more than four to five per cent, he estimated, since slow demand was making manufacturers and dealers absorb part of rising costs anyway.

Extra purchase tax; payroll levy; dearer postage, cigarettes

By MORDECHAI ERANN
Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

TWO MAJOR taxes and a series of further economic austerity measures, designed to net the State coffers more than IL2,000m. in additional revenues, were approved by the Cabinet in a late night session on Sunday.

The new measures include a 7.5 per cent additional purchase tax; a 7.5 per cent employers tax on all wages paid; a rise in excise on cigarettes; and an average rise of 20 per cent in rates for inland postage, telephone and telex.

In addition, the Government will dismiss 700 temporary employees (about 10 per cent of all its temporary workers), and will abolish some 1,500 regular jobs. Most of the latter will disappear as they become vacant, but a committee headed by the Finance Minister will examine which manned jobs can be abolished—and some permanent employees will undoubtedly be dismissed as well, therefore.

At the same time, the Cabinet decided to freeze the rates levied by local authorities. Most municipalities have already announced their intention to raise their rates, and will now be unable to do so. The Government will compensate the local authorities with a grant. (A sum of IL120m. has been mentioned, but the municipalities, which expected to receive IL200m. from the higher rates, will insist on full compensation).

The additional excise on locally-made cigarettes will raise the price of the most popular brands (Time, Europa, Royal, Nelson and Sheraton) by 40 agora a pack. All existing stocks, with the price marked on the package, will be sold at the old prices. Foreign cigarettes will not rise in price.

All consumer goods on which purchase tax is charged will go up in price: cars will cost between IL1,500 and IL4,000 more; a IL6,000 refrigerator will cost IL220 more, a TV set about IL150 more, and a washing machine about IL200 more.

The only exceptions to this are "basic" foods and textiles. The latter are exempt from the additional purchase tax because of the current crisis in the industry.

The new payroll tax — a bill for this is to be tabled in the Knesset right away — will apply to all wages, including overtime and Cost-of-Living increments, bonuses and family allowances. It comes on top of the 4.75 per cent compulsory employers loan which has been paid hitherto, but, unlike the loan, it is deductible by the employer as an expense, for income tax purposes. The tax applies to every employer, regardless of the number of employees or the amount of wages paid. Thus, even a housewife who employs a maid will have to pay it.

On the other hand, the tax does not apply to the payment made by the employer to pension funds or other cumulative funds. Nor does it apply to the employer's portion of the payment to the National Insurance.

This tax to be levied as of April 1, on March salaries, will not apply to the Government as an employer. Local government and non-profit institutions supported by State funds, as well as employers in export branches, will receive a refund of the tax paid by them.

The new payroll tax, according to Treasury estimates, will bring in IL950m. The additional purchase tax will net some IL980m., the additional excise on cigarettes will produce an additional revenue of IL70m., and the higher rates for communication services will produce some IL200m.

Government economists estimate that prices will rise about six per cent, on the average, as a result of these steps, and that this will contribute to a rise of about 4.5 per cent in the Consumers Price Index in the next month. However, the Government will ask industry and merchants to absorb part of the price increase.

The Commerce Ministry yesterday said it was in the process of preparing new lists of maximum prices, to reflect these latest steps. It pointed out, however, that no additional taxes have been imposed on existing stocks, and, as these must be sold at the old prices, the price rise should not be felt immediately. It was also pointed out that most building products are not subject to purchase taxes, and that the total effect on housing prices should therefore be less than one per cent.

Histadrut is bitter

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Labour-Mapam Alignment is faced by a revolt of major groups against the new taxes, and the rift between the Histadrut and the Government has deepened.

The most intense opposition comes from inside Mapam, which yesterday decried the new policy as leading towards "stagflation" (that is a stagnant economy with inflation).

It is unclear how Mapam MKs will act when the budget is voted on in the Knesset plenum, but it is not entirely ruled out that some of the leftist Labour MKs such as Arye Liova Eliav may vote against, if not abstain. Mapam's influence is greater in the Histadrut, where it enjoys an independent status.

However, even the usually moderate Labour Histadrut leadership is in an exceptionally bitter mood, feeling that the Government has broken the promise it gave after the steep post-devaluation price increases that no further taxes would be imposed.

Shoals of letters poured into Labour party headquarters yesterday, together with protesting telephone calls to Secretary-General Meir Zarmi.

Mapam spokesmen yesterday deplored "this particularly regressive step" which they believe will hit wage-earners especially hard. The left-wing party held that the Finance Ministry had by its own hands destroyed the relative price stability achieved of late.

The Mapam daily "Al Hamishmar" wrote yesterday: "We simply fail to grasp the Finance Ministry's thinking. Why impose new taxation when the economy is marching steadily towards a recession? All we will get is stagflation.

The Alignment consultative forum, attended by the bloc's economic leaders, in government, Knesset and Histadrut, endorsed the new taxes by nine votes to seven.

The Histadrut representatives and Mapam, including Minister of Absorption Shlomo Rosen opposed.

His successor at the Histadrut, Yeruham Meshel, accused the Finance Minister of breaking his promise to the employers and organized labour that no further taxes would be imposed. Mr. Rabinowitz countered by arguing that he had promised only not to raise direct taxes, and this was indirect taxation. Objections to the payroll tax were voiced by Knesset finance committee chairman Israel Kargman and Hevrat Ovdim secretary Ephraim Reiner, who both warned it would be the last straw for struggling industrial firms and cause unemployment.

The Finance Minister explained the three options before him for solving the budgetary problems: drastically cutting down the budget — which he warned would cause mass unemployment — deficit budgeting or new taxes.

The Histadrut Central Committee will meet in an urgent session this morning to discuss the new taxes. The head of the trades union department, Uriel Abrahamowicz, charged yesterday that the payroll tax might cause unemployment. The purchase tax increases would also induce a halt in economic activity, he said.

Meir Amit, general manager of Koor industries, told the trade union department that the uncertainty created by the new taxes jeopardized the concern's development prospects. Koor had expected to invest IL500m. next year, mainly in electronics and chemical industries.

The national secretariat of the Metal Workers Union stated yesterday that the union might insist on negotiating a new wage agreement. At present, all national wage contracts are frozen, by Histadrut decision, until the end of June.

Regressive, say manufacturers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Manufacturers' Association yesterday called the new taxes "anti-productive and regressive."

Peleg Tamir, the Association's director, said that the measures, specifically the payroll tax, had been imposed "impulsively" without thinking of the consequences." He pointed out that higher operating costs caused by this tax, together with reduced demand due to the increase in purchase tax, would lead to unemployment and turn the economic slow-down that began during the summer into a recession.

Mr. Tamir said that payroll taxes have been imposed in other countries with the intention of shifting the work force from the service sector of the economy into the producing sector, with the intention of increasing output. Here, just the opposite is taking place. The government has imposed a tax on producers and is exempting services, primarily those which are in one way or the other funded by the government.

Ford helps out

WASHINGTON (AP). — President Ford asked Congress yesterday for $274.5m. of economic aid for Israel in additional fiscal (government accounting) 1975 appropriations.

The White House said that Israel's economic situation had worsened since an original budget request of $385.5m. was made.

The new request would bring the total U.S. economic aid to Israel for fiscal 1975 to $660m.

In addition, Ford asked for $74m. more in fiscal 1975 appropriations to provided $25m. in economic aid to Portugal, $40m. for famine or disaster relief, and $9m. for American schools and hospitals abroad.

300 on forced leave in Kiryat Shmona

KIRYAT SHMONA. — Some 300 employees of the Hula Textile Ltd. spinning mill are to go on forced leave here next month, company's director Y. Schliefer told local labour council Uri Doktori yesterday.

Mr. Schliefer said the plant was closing down on March 10 because it was overstocked. He blamed the Commerce and Industry Ministry for not protecting the local spinners. *(Itim)*

Coalition divided in Knesset debate

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

THE LIKUD Bloc launched a sharp attack on the draft Budget for 1975/76, when the debate opened yesterday morning on Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz' Budget address, and called on the Government to withdraw its draft and produce a better one. The Aguda Bloc also said the Budget was badly planned.

Within the Coalition, too, there were strident dissenting voices from the NRP. Mapam said the draft Budget, left a lot to be desired. Labour speakers, however, praised the Finance Minister and his staff for what they said was a creditable effort to get the economy back onto the right course.

The Likud's septuagenarian economic doyen, Dr. Yohanan Bader, opened the debate by saying the Defence Budget was not large enough, in view of the ever-present danger of war. He said the economic decisions flowing from the country's situation made it vital to widen the Coalition into a Government of National Unity. He said the best way to reduce inflation was to cut public spending more than the Government had dared to propose. The Government should also realize that its tax burden was another cause of inflation, he said.

The economic spokesman of the Likud's Liberal wing, Simha Erlich, rebuked the Finance Minister for allowing talk about tax evasion, and concealment of "grey capital," which was not only exaggerated, but also encouraged further evasion.

He blamed the Treasury for taking foreign currency loans at commercial interest rates to swell its coffers artificially, without proposing any long-term system for increasing the foreign currency reserves. The Government was tightening everyone's belt but its own, he charged. It had not cut down its own expenditure on staffs.

Erlich was sure that, by the end of the tax year, the Treasury would have to print another IL6,000m.-IL8,000m. worth of banknotes, in order to make up for dwindling revenues.

Israel Kargman, the Alignment chairman of the all-powerful Finance Committee, said that he spoke without knowledge of the details of the Budget. The Treasury had done a good job, in presenting its material, but he had not yet had time to study it, he confessed.

He said that, in general, State revenue would have to obtain a broader foundation for levying

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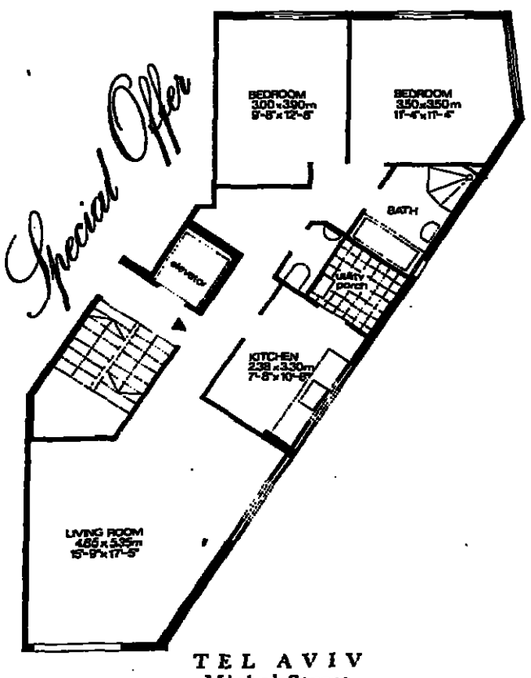

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to cloudy, with light local rain expected.

Weather synopsis: Trough from Egypt and Sudan to the East Mediterranean.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem	40	8—15	7—14
Golan	49	6—18	5—13
Nahariya	65	10—18	10—18
Safad	69	6—14	5—13
Haifa	66	6—17	7—17
Tiberias	56	7—21	9—20
Nazareth	54	9—19	8—18
Afula	53	6—20	7—20
Shomron	56	8—18	8—17
Tel Aviv	65	10—18	10—18
B-G Airport	50	6—20	7—19
Jericho	58	9—22	10—21
Gaza	72	10—18	10—17
Beersheba	65	7—17	8—16
Eilat	62	12—21	12—21
Tiran	57	15—21	15—22

Social and Personal

Mrs. Elizabeth Leedam, Regional Supervisor of the World Health Organization, called on Health Minister Victor Shemtov at his office in Jerusalem yesterday.

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Mr. Robert Hawke, president of the Australian Confederation of Trades Unions, called on *Histadrut* Secretary-General Yeruham Meshel yesterday. A delegation of the Argentinian Peronist Party, led by Luis Rubero, of the Meat Workers' Union, and Amerigo Grossman also called on Mr. Meshel yesterday.

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A group of 40 officers of the Quartermaster Corps currently on a study programme in Jerusalem yesterday called on Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu at his office.

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Prof. Aryeh Dvoretzky, President of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, yesterday opened the 10-nation Jerusalem Conference on Primatology taking place at the Academy in Jerusalem.

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The Working Mothers' Association last night held its 33rd bazaar at Beit Hehayal in Tel Aviv.

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The Khan Players will present Joseph Heller's "Catch 22," in Hebrew, in a gala performance at the Khan Theatre, Jerusalem, at 8 p.m. on Saturday. The proceeds will go to the Scholarship Fund of the Israel Association of University Women, Jerusalem branch.

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The Jerusalem Journalists' Association will present the third in its series of lectures on the Jewish Underground, at Beit Agron at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dr. Israel Eldad will speak on *"The Lehi in Jerusalem."*

DEPARTURES

The Jamaican Minister of Youth Affairs, Dr. Douglas Manley, after a week's visit as the guest of the Foreign Ministry. (By British Airways).

Bazooka blast rocks Mitzpe Ramon

MITZPE RAMON. — An exploding bazooka shell rocked this Negev town yesterday, causing IL40,000 worth of damage, but injuring no one. Policemen and soldiers rushing to the area and found that the explosion had been set off by an 18-year-old youth whose hobby was collecting explosive shells.

Passover fund

TEL AVIV.—The fund-raising campaign of *manot hittim* — the traditional custom of donating money to provide the needy with matzot, wine and money for Passover — was launched here this week.

Religious community leaders hope to collect IL500,000 to help 6,000 families celebrate the festival.

THE BIG ITEMS GO FIRST

Rush on electrical appliances begins

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — Sales of electrical appliances picked up considerably yesterday afternoon after the announcement of an additional purchase tax. In Tel Aviv, buying assumed near rush proportions, with consumers concentrating on larger appliances such as refrigerators, washing machines and television sets.

Demand is expected to continue for a few more days while goods from existing stocks are being sold for the old prices.

Yesterday morning, before sales picked up, one electrical goods salesman on Allenby Road speculated that another buying spree could not possibly materialize, because the last one, before and after the devaluation, was so widespread. "What more can people buy?" he asked. "They bought every kind of appliance and gadget in existence. There is very little available that people did not already snap up last time."

But the stores did fill up in the evening, although some salesmen attributed this to the Purim holiday, when people had time to spare.

Amcor reported it would absorb the 7¼ per cent increase in the purchase tax, and Sony said prices would remain the same until the present inventory was sold out.

Michael Vidra, head of Overseas Radio which assembles Zenith television sets in Israel, reflected the views of consumers and manufacturers alike when he said he was disgusted with the new economic measures. "Every two weeks there's something new," he complained. "It's impossible to plan from today to tomorrow."

Higher taxes will paralyze car market

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "This is the last nail in the coffin of the Israeli automobile market," is how Arie Carasso, president of the Auto Importers' Association, reacted to the government's decision to raise the tax on new cars.

"After the November devaluation and decision to freeze car imports until November this year, this blow will now paralyze the trade. Since November sales have dropped by 80 per cent. Now I believe that our only customers will be persons able to buy tax free cars.

Mr. Carasso emphasized that the 7.5 per cent payroll on tax was also a very big blow. "If until now we did everything possible not to fire employees, the new tax does not leave us much alternative."

According to Mr. Carasso's preliminary calculations, the price of new cars wil go up by about IL1,700 to IL5,000 depending on the make.

The situation in the used car market is even more gloomy. One used car market owner told *The Jerusalem Post:* "I stopped crying months ago. Rabinowitz's new decrees cannot hurt us any more for the simple reason that we have had zero sales for some time. The situation just can't get any worse."

Price rise may end smokes feud

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Yesterday's increase in the price of cigarettes may break the impasse between Dubek, Israel's sole manufacturer of cigarettes, and the country's distributors.

The distributors have refused since Sunday to buy cigarettes from Dubek. Apart from their stocks, the kiosks and shops are also receiving foreign brands. The distributors claim that the commission that Dubek pays them is insufficient to cover their operating costs, and they want it to be increased from 2.5 to 3.75 per cent.

A spokesman for the distributors pointed out that 63 per cent of the price increase on cigarettes will go to the Treasury, and the rest to Dubek. This should allow the company to increase the commission it pays to the distributors, he said.

Mr. Zorach Gehl, General Manager of Dubek, said he was optimistic about reaching a settlement with the distributors.

Clearing of goods slows at Haifa

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA.—Clearing of goods in Haifa port customs house slackened considerably yesterday, the Customs Collector told *The Jerusalem Post*. The Custom agents suspended clearing of goods on which the new tax applies, pending consultations with the importers.

The Collector, Aharon Sela, said that clearing of imports was now about 30 per cent below the predevaluation volume, when duties paid at the Customs House for clearing goods totalled some IL12m. daily.

Phone and post rates to rise

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Domestic postal and telephone charges are expected to go up between 20 and 40 per cent. The exact increases have not yet been set and will have to be approved by the Knesset Finance Committee before becoming effective. It is expected that the higher rates will increase the Communication Ministry's annual gross income from telephone services by about IL235m. and from postal services by IL35m., the Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

Overseas rates will remain unchanged. The Ministry derives almost 40 per cent of its income from international operations.

The price of telephone tokens remains unchanged at 50ag. The price of tokens was raised from 40 ag. about two months ago and no further increases are planned for the immediate future, the spokesman said. Plans are being speeded up for the installation of pay phones operated by 50 ag. coins, rather than tokens. Several of the new telephones are already in operation in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem and 150 units are expected to be installed in the next two months.

Brutality by police alleged

BEERSHEBA. — The Magistrate's Court here yesterday ordered a police officer to investigate charges of alleged police beatings after complaints by two suspects in the last few days.

Pinhas Apotiker of Beersheba, suspected of robbery, told the court that the police broke into his flat and demanded that his girl friend, who was nude, get dressed and accompany them. Apotiker said that when he asked to see a search warrant, the police hit him.

Mohammed el-Abeid of the Hebron area, suspected of theft, said that when he was brought in for investigation the police stripped and beat him.

A local police officer told Itim that such orders for investigations were always scrupulously carried out. However, he said that suspects often reported that the police had beaten them in order to gain sympathy. *(Itim)*

FLOODING IN EILAT

The Moon Valley and Shulamit Garden Hotels say that they did not transfer any of their guests because of the flooding as reported in Sunday's paper.

Sinai Giran was knocked out of her shoes and seriously injured when she was struck by an Egged bus as she was crossing the street in front of Jerusalem's main post office. Her nephew, Shmuel Turkiah, happened to be near by and rushed his aunt to Shaare Zedek Hospital. After receiving first aid, Mrs. Giran, 55, was transferred to Hadassah Hospital, where she underwent emergency surgery and was reported in critical condition. The driver of the bus was held by police and then released on his own recognizance. Above, a police investigator at the site of the accident.
(Mike DeCastro of Israel Sun)

Consumer group says new measures unfair

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "The government's economic measures have hit the consumer below the belt," Mrs. Ada Gilan, head of the Histadrut's Central Consumer Authority, said yesterday.

Mrs. Gilan said that the measures were a violation of the government's agreement with the Histadrut and that it was now up to the Histadrut to act like any other union and demand compensation for the recent increases.

She also called upon the government to take measures to calm and control the people in fight of a new buying spree which she said was underway.

For its part, she said, the consumer authority would deal as strictly possible with all illegal price rises.

The government-sponsored Israel Consumer Council, roof organization for the country's consumer organizations, issued a statement yesterday deploring the failure of the ministers involved to invite *council participation in the deliberations* about the new economic measures. The council pointed out that after the devaluation it had been promised an advisory role in any further changes in the economic policy. It also claimed that past experience had proven that the government's failure to consult the council had led to public confusion.

The secretary of the Haifa Labour Council, Eliezer Molk, said yesterday that higher indirect taxes constitutes "a very heavy blow for the wage-earner and will raise the price of commodities that are not luxuries." He urged the Histadrut Secretary-General and the Histadrut Executive to maintain the real wages of workers either through a proportionate *cost-of-living* increase or *through* renegotiations of labour agreements in July.

Molk was answering a query from Secretariat member Baruch Schoengruss (Mapam) who recalled that the Histadrut had received government assurances that taxes would not be raised until July this year. It was on that understanding that the Histadrut had agreed to extend the existing labour agreements last year, he said.

In Tel Aviv, the economic committee of the Citizens Rights Movement urged the government to cut its expenditures rather than adding new taxes.

Welfare services will be curtailed

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Several thousand marginal cases will be dropped off the welfare roles this year, some services will be curtailed and others frozen because of the Budget, the Welfare Ministry spokesman, Avraham Hoffman, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

The programme under which some 150,000 elementary and high school pupils received IL120-IL270 annual grants for school uniforms, outings and schoolbags will be cancelled for the time being. There will be drastic cuts in the distri*bution to needy families of household equipment,* such as beds, mattresses, tables and chairs.

This year's welfare budget means "standing still" on the central problem of narrowing the social gap, the Welfare Ministry's Director-General Dr. Moshe Kurtz, said.

The 1974 welfare budget came to IL525m. and this year's figure, together with special projects, comes to IL917m. Yet the IL392m. increase is not sufficient to catch up with the general rise in costs and the higher allowances granted. (Full support for one person went up from IL310 a month to IL435 during the year).

Families on full welfare will this year have to share the cost of their radio and TV licence fees, contribute IL13 monthly to the rent of Amidar flats, pay IL40 a month for a child in a day care centre and IL80 for one in a residential school. Ministry economists reckon that the average contribution per family will come to IL100 a month, Mr. Hoffman said.

Cuts will also be made in the special help the Ministry supplies on a one-time basis, such as household help for a family in which the mother is in hospital.

Coalition divided

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taxes: by reducing evasion, by establishing value added tax, and by abolishing the stereotyped sectoral tax rates, which absolved the self-employed from keeping books.

Adi Amoral (Alignment-Labour) said that the Treasury should only pump money into the economy in excess of the IL1,500m. envisaged, *at the close of the financial year,* and then only in the event of revenues from development loan issues falling short of the estimates. *This end-of-year priming of the economy* was less inflationary, than printing currency now, he said.

Amoral favoured the payroll tax because it would spur the employers to use their capital and their manpower more efficiently.

Avraham Melamed (NRP) called for greater cuts in private consumption and rebuked the Government *for maintaining the tradition of its* precursors: doing too little too late. He also rebuked the Government for being so miserly and laggardly with its export incentives, that manufacturers had no way of planning their exports on a long-term *basis and contracting with foreign* buyers over a broad time-span.

He threatened that the NRP might take its revenge, for not being consulted beforehand as the Alignment was. It might withhold its support for the new taxes.

Yehuda Ben-Meir (NRP) said the Defence Budget should be increased another IL3,000m. He sharply criticized the Government for cutting the Defence Budget, in real *money* terms, as compared with 1974/75. While the Arab states were building up their armaments fast, he charged, Israel was not even assuring itself the basic tools for its security.

Eliezer Ronen (Alignment-Mapam) *said the Treasury should* make a thorough probe of tax evasion. It should tax profits earned by owners of index-linked and currency-linked bonds, and it should increase the rate of interest on unlinked loans.

Shlomo Lorincz (Aguda Bloc) said there was no reason why the Government could not have waited for the reform proposals of the Ben-Shahar committtee, before levying more taxes for revenue. Lorincz said that were the Finance Minister to listen to the State Comptroller's complaints about IL1,000m. wasted through maladministration, he would not need to levy so much in taxes.

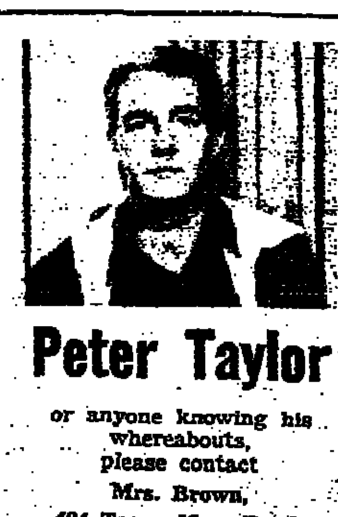
Zalman Shoval (Likud) warned that the State's internal debt would very soon be higher than the entire Budget total. He warned that the country's fuel budget would rise by $200m, if Abu Rodeis were returned to Egypt. In view of the Arab declaration of economic warfare against Israel, Abu Rodeis should be held, he urged.

Action on Syrian Jews urged by Congressmen

WASHINGTON (UPI). — Eighty House of Representatives members yesterday asked Secretary of State Kissinger to intervene with the Syrian Government to allow emmigration of Syrian Jews.

In a joint letter to Kissinger, the representatives said they did not intend to prevent the U.S. Government from giving Syria $25m. in foreign aid, but were concerned about the fate of Syrian Jews.

Rep. Stephen Solarz, Democrat-New York, told a news conference the 80 members decided against taking Congressional action to prevent the aid to Syria because it might undermine U.S. peace efforts in the Middle East.



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U.S. confirms Saud[i] denied visa to Jewish Congressma[n]

By WOLF BLITZER,
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The State Department confirmed yesterday that it had to intervene on behalf of U.S. Congressman Henry Waxman in order to obtain a Saudi entry visa for him after the Saudi Embassy in Washington had denied the Congressman permission to visit Saudi Arabia with a House Armed Services Committee fact-finding mission.

Waxman charged last week that he had been denied a visa because he is Jewish.

State Department spokesman Robert Anderson told newsmen that the Department was aware that Waxman had originally been denied entry and "had a problem," but the spokesman refused to acknowledge that the Saudis rejected Waxman's application merely because of his religion.

Department officials nonetheless conceded that the Saudis maintain a question on visa ap... garding religion.

Last week, upon ... Washington, Waxman ... to Secretary of St... complaining about ... policies towards Jews ... the Secretary to cla... partment's position.

Yesterday, Anderson ... the Department has ... foreign service officers ... their religions since ... and the Department ... sonnel to various pos... of any religious crite... Jews assigned to the ... Riyadh.

Other Department ... ceded that Jewish fo... diplomats were allowe... tioned in Egypt and ... certainly not in Saudi ... pointed out that bec... "backward" customs i... bia, it was probably ... American women wer... work at the embassy

Soldier dies; hit by lorry

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — A soldier was killed by a lorry as he was standing on a road near here yesterday.

The soldier, whose name was not released, was waiting at the Kfar Syrkin intersection of the Petah Tikva-Lod road. He was taken to Beilinson Hospital where he died of his injuries.

The driver, Ziad Rian, of Kfar Bar'a, near Nablus, was held by the police for questioning.

Seven-year-old Saida el-Banah, was killed in the Jebelia refugee camp in the Gaza Strip on Saturday. A car hit her as she was trying to cross the road.

Explosion in Khan Yunis

Jerusalem Post Staff

A small explosive charge went off in the Gaza Strip town of Khan Yunis yesterday, the army spokesman said. There were no casualties and no damage was caused.

Two other charges were also discovered yesterday, one in Bat Yam and the other in Hebron. Both failed to go off.

The Bat Yam charge was found concealed in the stair-well of an apartment building on Rehov Balfour. A police sapper was called in and found that the explosive had not gone off because the fuse, although lit, had been faulty and did not burn to the end. The fuse was found to be attached to an IDF-type detonator, leading police to suspect a personal vendetta rather than an act of terrorist sabotage.

In Hebron the charge was concealed close to the building nearly the local Bank Leumi branch. It was noticed by a bank employee, and was later dismantled.

Man cha[rged] with exto[rtion]

TEL AVIV. — A 20-... was charged in the D... here yesterday with ... extort protection mon... proprietress of a ba... Hayarkon last week ... ...ning her with a re... Netanya discotheque ... she refused.

The suspect, Ya'aco... *Givat Shmuel,* allege... extort IL500 a week ... money from Mrs. Rosa ... of the Rodika Club ... Aviv sea-front. Mrs. ... to be intimidated by ... "Netanya" threats an... police. Alperin was ... arrested.

Judge Dov Levin ord... held until the end of h... ing the need for th... display the utmost ca... *ponsibility in view of* ... spate of violence and ...

Evidence was given ... the suspect's friends, ... Shimshon and Beni ... went to the bar and ... suade" Mrs. Pula to ... complaint against Alpe... prietress again compla... police, and the two b... also arrested.

The Magistrate's C... that they be detained ... and this decision wa... the District Court yes... the brothers tried to ... earlier decision.

Remand or[dered in] discotheque

TEL AVIV. — The 24-... dier charged with the ... persons in the grenade ... a Netanya discotheque ... month was ordered re... the end of his trial in ... Court here yesterday.

The suspect, Avrahan ... again appeared in cou... lawyer, sat impassively ... the proceedings, playin... fingernails.

Another Netanya ... Tweig, was also remand... end of the trial. Tweig ... of failing to prevent ... carrying out his act o... after he had been told ... was going to happen. ... tion alleged that Ezr... Tweig behind the Bar ... cotheque shortly before ... the grenade, and the t... cussed the plan in detail.

Heart atta[ck] was not fa[...]

Jerusalem Post Rep...

HAIFA. — Ya'acov ... Shemen worker and me... shop committee, who ... heart attack two year... *last week won a court* ... the National Insurance ... has recovered and hop... many more years. Thro... understanding the heart ... erroneously reported as ...

With the legal aid of ... Council, Todover succee... ing the heart attack, ... lowed 40 hours after ... hectic committee meetin... as a work accident. T... *Insurance Institute ha...* jected the claim because ... occurred outside the ... almost two days after ...

Our dear

Dr. RACHEL (Shelly) FELIX

has passed away.

The funeral will leave today, Tuesday, February 25, 1975, at 12 noon, from the Municipal Funeral Parlour, 5 Rehov Dafna, Tel Aviv, for the Holon Cemetery.

A bus will be available for those attending.

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MORDECHAI NAMIR

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and family.

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Haematology Department
Ichilov Hospital

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who passed away on February 21, 1975, in Cape Town.

Eric Wendel, Cape Town
Marga Moral-Wendel, Haifa.

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The funeral will take place today, February 25, in New York City.

Dr. Sholom J. Kahn and Family
The Gafni Family, Jerusalem

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on the untimely passing of her

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MAYORS QUERY COMPENSATION PLAN

Municipalities will go ahead with planned rate rises—Eylon

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — The chairman of the Union of Local Authorities, Bolon Mayor Pinhas Eylon, yesterday dispatched angry messages of protest to the Ministries of Finance and the Interior, saying that cities will refuse to rescind the local rate increases already decided upon.

The government announced that as part of its economic package local rates would be frozen and all rate increases annulled. The municipalities were offered financial aid to compensate them for the revenue loss. The cities had planned to increase their rates by from 40 to 60 per cent.

Mr. Eylon termed this decision an outrage, since the cities had not been consulted and, in fact, had not been given so much as a hint about the planned decree. "On the contrary, we were led to believe just the opposite," he said. "We had the active support and the approval of the Ministry of the Interior, and only last week we met with the Minister of Finance to iron out the last details. There was never any question but that we would be allowed to raise local taxes. The government had better realize that the cities are not just a branch of the central government to be told what to do and to be overruled time and time again."

Mr. Eylon said the plan for compensation from the government would "turn the local governments into beggars asking for handouts."

This would rob the cities of the last vestige of independence that they still possess. They would not be able to make any decision on their own or take any step without the fear of a government veto. City and local councils are elected bodies and elected officials cannot be treated as if they were appointed functionaries," he said.

Mr. Eylon said the cities are on the verge of economic collapse with a deficit of IL1,000m. expected in the next fiscal year.

The individual mayors were more cautious in their reactions to the new plan, and expressed concern mainly about the form of compensation they could expect from the government.

Both Haifa Mayor Yosef Almogi and Jerusalem Treasurer Yosef Uzieli said the freeze would be acceptable, and even welcomed, if the government decided to allocate a fixed percentage of its income to the municipalities. "But if we have to argue over a one-time compensation, then it's a disaster for local government," said Mr. Uzieli.

Mayor Almogi pointed out that "everybody is raising rates and contributions, even the Histadrut, and the local authorities should not be the only exception. They will suffer for it later." He said the system of local taxation was "grave and intolerable," but praised the government on one point: for once, he said, the news was not leaked.

Tel Aviv's Mayor Shlomo Lahat also complained about the vagueness of the compensation the cities are to get and expressed fears that Tel Aviv's "special needs and unique position" would not be taken into account. "The whole matter appears not to be based on any preconceived criteria that would assure each city its needs," he said.

He noted that Tel Aviv was in the process of doing away with exemptions to municipal rates, and also was switching over from rates calculated on the number of rooms in a flat to rates based on the size of the flat in square metres. But since these changes were made only when a flat was sold, inequities exist and cannot now be corrected, he said.

Mr. Lahat added that the manner in which the cities were informed of the government decision "constitutes an infringement in proper government procedures and damages the independence of the local authorities."

With satchel and heavy load

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Schoolchildren are compelled by their teachers to lug heavy satchels of books to school and back with possible detriment to their healthy bodily development, according to Avraham Katz (Likud-Liberals).

Katz, who is a veteran teacher and former head of the Secondary School Teachers' Association, yesterday tabled a parliamentary question to the Education Minister, asking him what regulations, if any, the Ministry has gazetted about the maximum weight of satchels permitted in each class-group.

Katz was spurred to table the question after hearing a flood of complaints when he lectured about the Knesset to a Grade Seven class from the municipal junior high school "Gimal" in Katamon, Jerusalem.

Memorial session for Efrati

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset yesterday held a memorial session to mark the death of Yosef Efrati, a former Knesset Member, who died last week.

Efrati was a Member of the first five Knessets. He served for a period as Deputy Minister of Agriculture, and was an important member of the Finance Committee. He was a founding member of Kvutzat Geva in the Jezreel Valley.

Agriculture Minister Aharon Uzan and Likud Member Yohanan Bader addressed the memorial session.

Earlier, the House stood in silence for a moment to mark the memory of two MKs who died during the past few days: Mordechai Stern, a former Gahal Member, and Mordechai Namir, who was Minister of Labour for nearly four years.

Druse at Haifa Port protest sacking

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The 50 Druse temporary port workers who have received dismissal notices for the end of this month demonstrated outside the Labour Council yesterday.

The men, all from villages in the Galilee, claimed that the dismissals were discriminatory, and that men who were engaged after them had not been dismissed.

This violated the "last in-first out" rule. They demanded that the government provide alternate jobs, and complained that some of them had been working in the port for six years and were aged over 50, which would make it difficult for them to find other work.

The port spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* that at the end of March the management intended dismissing the remaining 150 temporary workers as well, as the port no longer needed so many workers.

He denied that the management had discriminated against the Druse workers and said that the dismissal lists had been coordinated with the Haifa Labour Council.

A delegation of the protesters, headed by the Nahariya and Carmiel Labour Councils' representatives, was received by Haifa Labour Council secretary Eliezer Molk. Mr. Molk told *The Jerusalem Post* that he would convene the Council's Appeals Committee today to allow those men who felt discriminated against to appeal their dismissal. He said he had assured them that there was no shortage of jobs either in the Haifa area or nearer their own villages, although "the Council cannot guarantee the same wages."

Mr. Molk said he would also recommend that the few men who were now over 50 would be kept on by the port management. From the experience gained he had also decided in future not to permit the engagement of "temporary" workers for a period exceeding a year, as this gave the men a false sense of security, making it harder when they were eventually dismissed.

Keren Hayesod mission from South Africa

'The biggest givers'

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"South African Jewry, which contributes more per capita to Israel than any other community, will do even more if they are assured that it has a strong and stable government."

Such is the belief of a man who knows the community well — Mr. Geoff Kalmanson, chairman of the task force of major contributors and co-director of the Johannesburg Israel United Appeal campaign. The tall, wealthy paper mill industrialist-turned-university lecturer is now leading a Keren Hayesod mission of 33 South African businessmen and their wives through Israel. The group is meeting with Israeli political and military leaders, including the Prime Minister.

Geoff Kalmanson

Mr. Kalmanson and his wife, Marge, have been good friends of the Prime Minister and his wife, Leah, ever since Mr. Rabin toured South Africa in May, 1973. After a mixed doubles tennis game at their Johannesburg home, Mr. Kalmanson told Rabin, then an M.K.: "The next time I see you, you'll be Israel's Prime Minister." And the next time they met, he was.

Ties between the governments of Israel and South Africa are 'improving," according to Mr. Kalmanson. "This is evidenced by several things, including the appointment of a full-fledged Israeli ambassador in South Africa, rather than just a consul."

The 120,000-strong Jewish community in South Africa is "stable, secure and interested in Israel and Jewish causes," says Mr. Kalmanson. "Israel will not be disappointed if she depends on us."

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Dimona girl is still hypnotized after four days

BEERSHEBA. — A 17-year-old Dimona girl who is said to have been hypnotized at a party last week is still unconscious at the Soroka Medical Centre here, and all attempts to snap her out of the spell have so far failed.

Yaffa Suissa was hypnotized by Mr. Avi Drori at a school party in Dimona last Thursday night. According to Mr. Drori, he had brought the girl back to consciousness at the party, and one of the other pupils present must have hypnotized her after he left.

Yaffa was brought to the Soroka Medical Centre on Thursday night, and so far her case has totally baffled doctors on the staff, who say they have never encountered anything like it. Mr. Drori also tried to waken her at the hospital on Friday, but failed. The hypnotist told "Itim" yesterday that he intends going back to the hospital to try again. *(Itim)*

Two Fatah men, spy jailed

By H. BEN-ADI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — Two Fatah members were sentenced by a military court in Gaza on Sunday to four and eight years' imprisonment.

Ibrahim Ahmed Rageb Gilban, 37, from Khan Yunis, was jailed for four years for membership of Fatah and being in illegal possession of explosives.

Salameh Alialim Suarka, 27, also of Khan Yunis, was sentenced to eight years for membership of Fatah and taking the explosives to Nablus, where they were used by other terrorists.

Army prosecutor Captain Rabinowicz told the court that explosives were transported in parcels with a false bottom sent from Egypt to Gilban.

Both men were arrested in July 1973.

The president of the court, Major Benyamin Levinbuk, took into account that Suarka and Gilban both pleaded guilty and that Suarka has 10 children.

Last Friday, Salah Suarka, 45, from Santa Katerina, was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment for espionage. Suarka, a merchant in semi-precious stones, was given permission to visit Egypt for business purposes in 1973. There he was contacted by Egyptian Intelligence and requested to inform them about army movements in Sinai.

The president of the court was Rav-Seren David Lev.

K vies with Chaplin in Tel Aviv

By SARA HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Purim eve budget did not dampen holiday spirits here and thousands of Queen Esthers, paratroopers, policemen, sailors, cowboys, indians, pirates, gypsies, hippies, Little Red Riding Hoods, clowns and jesters filled the streets, firing toy six-shooters and water guns and hitting passers-by with the perennial squeak hammers.

The influence of politics and televison was reflected in the choice of costumes this year. Two school-aged twins walked hand-in-hand in Rehov Dizengoff yesterday, one dressed as an umbrella-toting Neville Chamberlain, the other as U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. Another miniature Kissinger carried an oil can and led an Arab oil sheikh proudly mounted on a horse (made out of a tricycle).

TV's influence was also visible in the many Charlie Chaplins who filled the streets — a result of the old silent Chaplin films showed over the last few months — and the number of Hawaiian girls in rafia skirts and paper flower lais.

The main centre of festivity was colourful illuminated Rehov Dizengoff, with Kikar Malchei Yisrael a runner-up. Jaffa's Sderot Yerushalayim and the Hatikva Quarter were also festively illuminated, but most strollers preferred central Tel Aviv.

Today, a traditional attraction for children and parents will be the Tel Aviv Zoo, where thousands of youngsters come every year to show off their costumes and take part in costume competitions. Cinemas will feature matinee shows for children.

A Post reporter in Haifa writes: Children in costume paraded the main streets yesterday. In Rehov Herzl music and songs are being broadcast over loudspeakers and lamps are festooned above the street. Children's parties will be held this morning in the cultural centres and in Gan Hazikaron at 11 a.m. and in Kiryat Chaim at 4 p.m. In the evenings adult amateur folk-dancers will gather at the Rothschild centre for a party.

In Rehovot, Ezrat Holim volunteers visited the homes of six persons in the city last night to read them the Megilla and bring them *mishloach manot*. The town's chief rabbi, Simcha Hacohen Kook, gave a party for war veterans and new immigrants. Similar parties were held under the auspices of the municipality at the two absorption centres here.

The municipality will give a special programme for children at the local Beit Ha'am this morning.

In Rishon Le Zion over 3,000 school children will hold an *aliyyada* march tomorrow afternoon through the main streets of the town.

Soviet refuses to send Purim note to Israel

MOSCOW (UPI). — Eighty Soviet Jews said yesterday that Soviet postal authorities have refused to transmit a Purim message from them to the people of Israel.

The message was circulated to Western newsmen, who were asked to publish it "because we have no telephone communications with Israel. The authorities have permanently disconnected them, and neither the post nor telegraph (services) will transmit our congratulations to Israel..."

The Purim message said:

"On the eve of the ancient festival of happy deliverance of the Jewish People from the perfidious enslavers, we send you wishes of peace and prosperity. We send them to you from distant Russia in the names of Mikhail Shtern, Alexander Feldman, Yuri Fedorov and Vladimir Markman... who were among the first to point their steps toward the fatherland and are in prison as a result.

"We send them from we Jews who have fought for long to live with you. We believe no Hamans will break the will of our people toward unification."

Tel Aviv cinema prices going up

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Cinema prices here are to go up following a Ministry of Commerce decision to meet cinema proprietors' demands. The average price of a ticket will rise from IL6 to IL7.50.

The municipal spokesman said yesterday that the city administration is pressing its demands that cinema-owners make improvements in their theatres or face the possibility of not having their licences renewed.

New Shekem store

RISHON LEZION. — Shekem last week opened its 35th store, a two-floor, 2,000-square-metre operation located in the centre of Rishon Lezion. Hanan Ciyor, Shekem managing director, said the store employs 126 persons, including 50 new immigrants.

It was announced that Shekem will open its largest store in two months' time in Jerusalem.

More Christians want to visit Lebanon

HAIFA. — Several dozen Christian residents, of all denominations, have applied to the government for permission to visit Lebanon following the recent visit there of a delegation of Israeli Maronites. The Maronites were given permission by the Lebanese authorities to visit the country to pay tribute to the new Maronite Patriarch, Antoine Butrus Hreish.

The Christians—who are seeking permission from both Israel and Lebanon—say they also wish to congratulate the new Patriarch.

What Palestinians want

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prof. Yehoshafat Harkabi, currently "on loan" from the Hebrew University to the Defence Ministry, yesterday presented a new double volume in his series on "The Arabs and Israel."

Prof. Harkabi's latest compilation focuses on the Palestine Liberation Organization, its ideology, aims and tactics, and on the 13 conferences of the National Palestine Council (a kind of Arab anti-Zionist Congress).

Explaining the volumes to military correspondents at a press conference here yesterday, Prof. Harkabi said that the last double volume consisted predominantly of translations and resolutions adopted by the Palestine Council conferences, and noted that they shed light on little known details of Arab-Palestinian aims and tactics.

As an example he cited the fifth of 10 resolutions adopted by the 11th conference, (6th to 12th January 1973), in which the PLO declared Jordan part of its territorial-national aims. It pledged itself to struggle "together with nationalist Jordanian forces" for the creation of a joint Jordanian-Palestinian front with the avowed purpose of setting up a "democratic regime" in Jordan and to fuse this with the so-called Palestinian entity.

Prof. Harkabi revealed that there are now a number of major Arab research institutes dealing exclusively with the "Palestinian struggle." Two are in Beirut and there are others in Cairo and Iraq, all publishing features on a wide range of Israeli subjects — from the role of women in Israel to the occupations of retired Israeli generals.

The "Palestine struggle" has attracted many Palestinian intellectuals and a recent catalogue of Arab publications on this subject listed more than 2,000 titles.

Dimona approves IL48m. budget

Jerusalem Post Reporter

DIMONA. — The municipal council here yesterday approved an operating budget of some IL48m. for the coming fiscal year, IL16m. more than last year.

Mayor Armand Laredo said the increase was due to higher costs. The largest items are IL19m. for education, and IL9m. for sanitation.

Third of Druse families own cars

MAJDEL SHAMS. — One of every three Druse families in Golan now owns a car. Statistical data show over 500 cars registered to Druse residents in the four villages whose population is about 10,000. When the Golan was taken from the Syrians in 1967, the Druse owned only 12 cars. Many Druse here drive to work inside Israel in their own cars every morning.

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Gov't to spend IL56,300m.

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

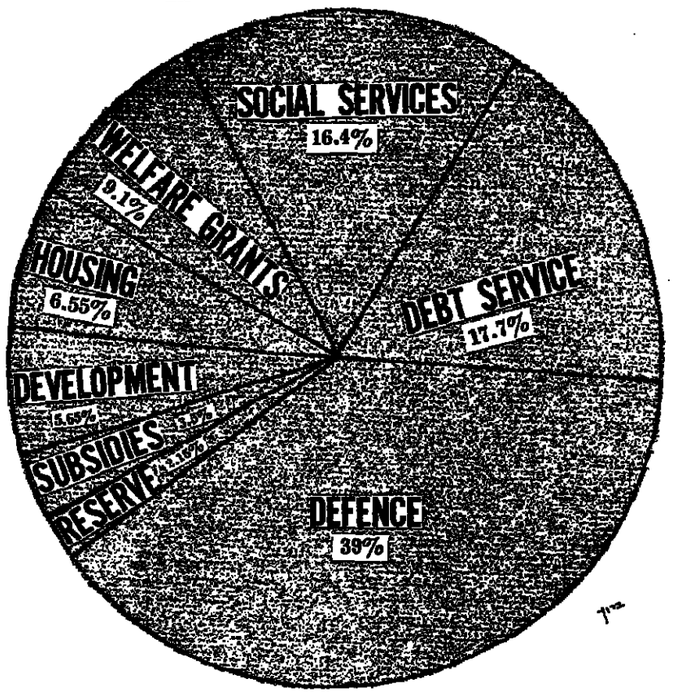
Under the State Budget for 1975/76, tabled by Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz in the Knesset yesterday, the Government will spend IL56.3 billion in the 12 months beginning April 1. Revenue is estimated at IL54.8 billion, leaving a deficit of IL1.5 billion.

This "overdraft" is the maximum amount of money that can be "printed" if the battle against inflation is to be maintained, according to the Bank of Israel.

Revenue included IL7.2 billion of borrowing from the local capital market (through index-linked debentures sold to the pension funds and the public). Haim Stoessel, the Accountant-General, conceded to newsmen that expenditure may have to be cut unless these resources come through in full.

The proposed expenditure represents a 40 per cent increase over this year. But as prices will have risen by a quarter, the real increase is only 13 per cent. Three-quarters of that is accounted for by two items — defence and debt service. All the defence increase is in weapon imports; the local currency side shows, if anything, a small decline.

Savings are made in public administration and services, which are down slightly despite a 2.3 per cent population growth. House construction is the one major development branch that shows a substantial rise (of 25 per cent in real terms). The rest of the Development Budget is down by 15 per cent. In fact housing has crossed the half-way mark in the Government's investment programme. It was 45 per cent of the Development Budget this year, will be nearly 55 per cent next year.



Theme is contraction

The problem is that certain expense items show a disproportionate growth. Defence costs have soared from IL970m. in 1965 to IL22 billion in the coming year (that is, from 10 per cent of the Gross National Product to 28.5 per cent). And the annual outlay on debt service has also leaped — from IL700m. in 1965 to IL5b. in 1973, and IL10b. in 1975. This last figure comes to 13 per cent of the GNP Defence and debt service together, at IL32b., equal more than 40 per cent of the nation's output.

The overall theme in the Estimates is contraction, to combat inflation and improve the balance of payments. The number of public servants, omitting army and police, was originally planned to go up by a mere 871, as against the addition of 1,400 in 1974, and a normal increase of 2,000-3,000 yearly. But even that is considered excessive. Mr. Rabinowitz asked the Cabinet on Sunday to cut 2,200 slots from the establishment, so that the number of functionaries will actually drop during 1975.

In the past, the Treasury neglected one important point, to prevent the occurrence of "seasonal deficits." Taxes and other revenue start coming in slowly and the flow expands later in the year, whereas expenditure is spread evenly over the calendar. As a result the exchequer was always in large deficit (over and above the authorised figure) during the first quarter, April-June — this being made good as revenue caught up during the following months.

But inflationary pressures engendered in April-June can have a cumulative effect and for the first time the Treasury moved to plug this loophole. Thus the Cabinet agreed Sunday to propose that the interim budget for April-June (enacted each year, pending the completion of Knesset discussions on the Budget as a whole), should amount to 20 per cent of the yearly expenditure, instead of the customary 25 per cent.

Meanwhile cuts have been made wherever possible. The extension of compulsory education to the 10th grade (the second grade of high school) has been pigeon-holed. Social welfare offices will distribute less financial aid for such purposes as paying rent, buying household articles, and defraying radio and TV licence fees. In general, higher charges will be levied for those services which are not supplied free of charge under the law, such as kindergartens, day-creches, and even hospitalisation.

The Budget draws attention to the fact that income support has shot up in recent years. Old-age pensions were 20 per cent of the average wage less than three years ago (in April 1972), and rose to 28 per cent last December — though the law requires only 22.5 per cent. If the supplementary benefit is added, the increase (for a couple) is from IL330.20, or 27.2 per cent, to IL812, or 50.8 per cent.

The social welfare grant for needy families rose from 38 per cent of the average wage to 55.6 per cent. It comes to IL974 for a family of four. The children's allowance is paid to all citizens, no matter what their income. It came to IL95 a month for a family with four small dependents in April 1972, and IL443 in December 1974 which is (just the children's allocation) 28 per cent of the average wage in Israel.

For the first time the Treasury expresses fear that direct grants may be becoming excessive. They discourage people from seeking work, and the disincentive is specially strong for potential second-breadwinners in the family. They even stimulate deceit and violence among candidates for cash benefits that are sizeable.

Brake on welfare

In the pause created by the present wage freeze, the Treasury has reconsidered welfare policy and concluded that the accent should be placed on improving services (including the grant of financial help on a functional basis, e.g., for housing or schooling) rather than handing over more cash money to the jobless. And a brake may have to be put on the whole concept of issuing "universal" money grants, to rich and poor alike, such as the children's allowances or — another weighty item of expenditure — food subsidies.

Despite official cheese-paring, 26,000 families will receive welfare in 1975, not including invalids who get their support from the National Insurance Institute. Other people will get aid in kind. The Government will pay medical insurance contributions on behalf of 43,000 families, and will help 60,000 families with the rent (albeit at a reduced rate).

Boarding-school facilities will be extended to 14,000 children whose studies are hampered by an inadequate home situation. Institutional accomodation for retarded persons will rise by 500 places to 4,275. Under construction are 1,284 more beds, with a further 1,270 planned. Old-age homes aided by the Social Welfare Ministry will accomodate 1,580 people, a small increase over 1974.

Subsidies were cut by IL1billion in April of last year, and stood at IL825m. But world prices continued to rise. In order to keep the subsidized figure unchanged, the Treasury disbursed more and more, till the figure reached (on an annual basis) IL1,48 billion just before the devaluation. Had the Government persisted in keeping the local price of essential commodities unchanged the outlay, taking into account the the devaluation and the extension of the import levies to wheat and vegetable oils, would have reached the unprecedented figure of IL5 billion. It was resolved in November to halve this outlay, which involved inflicting a substantial price rise on the consumer — though he still pays less than the true cost of the products in question.

Since then prices have dropped again, with sugar down from $1,500 a ton to $800, wheat from $220 to $190, soya beans from $400 to $300, and fodder from $190 to $160. This has made it possible to reduce subsidies for 1975 from the IL2.5b. originally planned to IL1.9billion — without raising prices.

Expenditure on social services in general (education, health, housing and welfare) will amount to IL19billion. This is just over 30 per cent of all the budgetary outlay by the Government and the national institutions together (IL61.6b.) Omitting defence from the calculation, social services have risen from 41 per cent of the State's expenditure in 1972 to 48 per cent. The three main items are:

	ILm.'s
Income support	5,500
Housing	5,200
Education and training	4,000

Adding IL1.9billion for subsidies, these items together account for 87.5 per cent of all the Government's social-policy programme. The headlong rise in income support means that education has taken a declining share of the budget for social services (33 per cent in 1972, and little more than 25 per cent this year).

One-third of the entire social service budget, or IL6,000m., is channeled to investments. Most of it goes to housing — IL5billion (as against IL3.5billion in 1974); this despite a decline in the volume of new construction. The accent, here again, is on completions.

The economy drive is felt in every single sector. Elementary schools are closing down 400 classes. By increasing the number of pupils per class, school hours are reduced (without affecting educational standards, experts aver). The division of classes into separate groups for special subjects will be halted where the number of pupils does not justify it. New school construction is confined to new neighbourhoods. Universities will in many cases suspend construction even on buildings already started.

The Treasury points out that progress in education has been intensive over the last decade. The number of young persons aged 14-17 undergoing post-primary schooling (including vocational education) rose from 58.4 per cent in 1966 to 80 per cent in 1975. The proportion of pupils from the Oriental community in that age group went up from 35.6 to 46 per cent — which is not far from their proportion of the population as a whole. Teacher training has more than doubled, from 5,370 students to 12,000.

Shifting labour

Extra money is supplied for education in 1975, but most of it is eaten up by higher costs. The biggest cost increase of all is in teachers wages, up (between 1974 and 1975) by 45-47 per cent. Fees are therefore elevated all along the line — for pre-kindergartens (attended by three —and four-year olds) school meals, high school fees and teacher training.

The need to shift personnel from declining industries to other avenues of employment gives a new importance to vocational training. The Labour Ministry is expanding its programme by almost 15 per cent, from 50,800 people to 58,000. The accent is on electronics, metals and mechanics, linked to export branches due for expansion.

The allocation for productivity is also up, with a threefold increase from IL1.2m. to IL4.6m. But road construction is reduced, and attention is devoted to completions only. The Public Works Department will be engaged chiefly in construction jobs for the defence sector. Local authorities are bidden to freeze all new development projects. A notable exception is the five-year national sewage scheme, whose overall cost is IL545m. Its purpose is to clean up the disposal of waste effluents in the country. Allocation in 1975: IL120m.

The housing programme aims to secure the output of 45,000 dwellings a year. As there were 96,500 flats (public and private) under construction in 1974, new starts in the Government sector will be reduced slightly, with 28,550 units — as against 33,800 last year (though the latter includes 2,000 flats started in 1974, as an advance on 1975).

Development in agriculture will remain roughly at the present level, with an investment of IL660m. — IL200m. from the Budget, IL200m. from the local banks, IL100m. from the World Bank, and the remaining IL160m. from the farmers' own resources. Investment in the development of water sources, on the other hand, will be doubled to IL400m., though only IL100m. of that derives from the Budget.

Industrial investments declined in 1974, and will go up again. Outlay was IL1.6billion in 1973 — a drop of two per cent, due to the October war. The following year saw a further decrease (in real terms) of 3.5 per cent, with an outlay of IL2billion. In 1975 investment will swell once more by 10 per cent (if we allow for a 35 per cent cost hike) to IL2.9billion. The Government's participation was IL535m. this year, rising to IL740m. in 1975/76.

The export of manufactured goods was in recession during 1974. In real terms, Israel's textile sales overseas fell by 10 per cent, wood products (notably plywood) by 20 per cent, diamonds by five per cent. Chemicals and phosphates, on the contrary, shot up — by more than half. Industrial exports as a whole, omitting diamonds, managed an upward shift of over 10 per cent, or almost 50 per cent in terms of dollars earned.

Tourism sags

The Ministry of Comerce and Industry expects this percentage to double in 1975, because profitability has improved by a good 10 per cent (with the aid of export incentives), the Ministry alleges. The tax-refund incentive for exporters was 42 agorot per dollar on June 1, 1974; IL1,08-1.30 (depending on added value) on November 10; and IL1.23-1.64 on January 1 of this year. Budget provision for this purpose was up from IL1,604m. in 1973 to IL1,879m. in 1974, and will be IL2,235m. in the coming year.

The number of tourists visiting Israel has sagged from a peak of 727,500 in 1972 to 661,650 in the war-year 1973, and 624,700 in the economic-recession year 1974. It is estimated that receipts from tourism rose from $230m. in 1973 to $250m. — though prior to the devaluation only $200m. was exchanged through the banks at the official rate.

Tourism earns only 8 per cent of Israel's export dollars, but its added value is high, witness the following figures (export earnings net of foreign currency costs, in 1974)

	$m.'s
Citrus	90
Diamonds	146
Tourism	200

Budget for expansion is cut sharply from IL144m. to IL113m. No new hotels will be started; though many are under construction still from the past.

The Transport Ministry is concentrating more on the railways, particularly the extension to the new phosphate deposits at Chor Ha'Har in the Negev. Postal services will spend 20 per cent less on expansion. The settled target is to add no more than 40,000 new phones annually.

The Estimates are flexible, according to Arnon Gafny, head of the Treasury's Budget Division. Many important development schemes have been removed from the action programme for 1975/76 (to the distress of the Ministries concerned). But if circumstances should warrant it (because, for example, deflation works too well, causing serious unemployment), these projects can be activated again, Gafny stresses.

THE BUDGET IN FIGURES

Where the funds will come from

TOTAL REVENUE

	(In millions of IL) Budget estimates 1975*	Budget estimates 1974*
Grand Total	56,300.0	40,650.0
PART A:		
Ordinary revenue	44,520.0	31,915.5
PART B:		
Income from loans and on capital account	11,780.0	8,734.5
PART A:		
Ordinary Revenue	44,520.0	31,915.5
Taxes and compulsory payments	32,750.0	24,225.0
Taxes on income and property	11,076.0	9,286.0
Income tax	10,060.0	8,446.0
Land betterment tax (40%)**	76.0	72.0
Advances on a/c of land betterment taxes (2/3)	110.0	80.0
Property taxes(exclusive of compensation fund)	710.0	620.0
Tax on banks and insurance companies	120.0	67.0
Taxes on expenditure	15,432.0	11,801.0
Customs duty and import levy	6,368.0	5,900.0
Purchase tax (95%)	3,553.0	2,672.0
Excise duties	712.0	630.0
Fuel tax	2,340.0	1,362.0
Foreign travel tax	165.0	130.0
Stamp tax	500.0	400.0
Entertainment tax	5.0	5.0
Defence stamp	270.0	300.0
Special tax on importers' stocks and exchange rate differentials	500.0	153.0
Vehicle licence fees (58%)	94.0	81.0
Other fees and licences	228.0	186.0
Special levy on ports	87.0	32.0
Compulsory loans and compensation fund	3,830.0	3,941.0
Savings loan	940.0	740.0
Defence loan	50.0	161.0
Compensation fund	200.0	80.0
War loan	2,590.0	1,915.0
War loan (on land betterment)	60.0	45.0
Allocation in respect of property tax replacement	(—)633.0	(—)450.0
Transferred Revenue	1,055.0	747.0
Direct transfers to local authorities	835.0	577.5
Transfers to local authorities through the general grant of the Ministry of Interior	230.0	169.5
Advances on net taxes	2,600.0	—
Interest and Profits	1,183.0	1,253.0
Collections on a/c of interest	850.0	420.0
Interest from economic units	6.8	6.1
Interest from business enterprises	400.5	302.5
Interest from Government companies	22.0	22.0
Interest from state authorities	2.7	2.4
Bank of Israel profits	100.0	500.0
Royalties	285.0	237.8
Royalties from business enterprise	272.0	230.2
Royalties from natural resources	13.0	7.6
Miscellaneous Receipts	242.0	170.0
Refunds of a/c of previous year's budget	52.0	40.0
Income from various services	190.0	130.0
Transfer of Funds from Part B	10,060.0	5,929.7
PART B:		
Income from Loans and on Capital Account	11,780.0	8,734.5
Refund of investments and Government loans	915.0	1,543.2
Collections on a/c of principal and property sales	450.0	1,052.0
Depreciation of economic units	44.9	5.7
Depreciation of business enterprises	123.4	96.4
Depreciation of state authorities	2.7	2.6
Depreciation of Government companies	8.0	8.0
Income from participations in investments in communications	211.0	310.2
Income from the Ports Authority and from Jaffa Port	0.3	0.5
Income of the State Land Authority	104.5	26.8
Income from business enterprises Deductions	—	41.0
Allocations for pensions and compensations payments	175.0	103.0
Allocations of economic units	54.9	27.3
Allocation of business enterprises	120.0	75.7
Domestic loans	5,900.0	4,100.0
Loans from the National Insurance Institute	700.0	600.0
Loans from banks and issues of securities	5,200.0	3,500.0
Voluntary War Loan	—	—
Loans and grants from abroad	13,350.0	8,913.0
Food surpluses	150.0	54.0
Foreign loans and grants	13,200.0	8,864.0
Non-recurring items	1,500.0	—
Transfer to Part A	(—)10,060.0	(—)5,929.7

* Fiscal year

And how they will be spent

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

	(In milli. Budget estimates 1975*
Grand Total	56,300.0
PART A:	
Ordinary expenditure	44,520.0
PART B:	
Development expenditure and expenditure on capital account	11,780.0
PART A:	
Ordinary expenditure	44,520.0
Government and administration	2,034.1
President's Office	2.6
The Knesset	28.9
Government Ministers	1.3
Prime Minister's Office	60.0
Ministry of Finance	308.0
Ministry of the Interior	70.0
Ministry of Police	697.5
Ministry of Justice	106.0
Ministry of Foreign Affairs	269.0
Ministry of Information	31.6
State Comptroller's Office	31.0
Pensions and compensation payments	356.5
Miscellaneous expenditures	40.0
Financing of political parties	22.0
Defence	22,306.0
Ministry of Defence	21,906.0
Civil Defence expenditures	400.0
Local Authorities	1,765.0
Transferred expenditure	1,056.0
Grants to local authorities	459.0
Loans to local authorities	215.0
Social Services	9,058.0
Ministry of Education and Culture	2,765.0
Higher education	650.0
Ministry of Religious	100.0
Ministry of Labour	184.0
Ministry of Health	1,177.0
Pensions for invalids	300.0
Ministry of Social Welfare	569.0
National Insurance Institute	1,105.0
Participation in the budget of the Broadcasting Authority	—
Ministry of Housing	220.0
Ministry of Immigrant Absorption	68.0
Price stabilization subsidies	1,900.0
Economic Services	3,263.3
Ministry of Agriculture	160.0
Atomic Energy Commission	94.0
Ministry of Commerce and Industry	278.5
Ministry of Tourism	54.8
Export promotion	2,400
Ministry of Transportation	82.0
Participation in the budget of Israel Railways	52.0
Grants and tax refunds for transportation enterprises	65.0
Public Works Department and the Government Surveyor's Office	77.0
Interest payments	5,000
Reserve	1,103.6
Special budgets	950.0
General reserve	153.6
Reserve for price stabilization subsidies	—
Non-recurring items	—
PART B:	
Development expenditure and expenditure on capital account	11,780.0
Development Expenditure	6,420.7
Investments in Government and administration	43.1
Government buildings	21.7
Police and prisons	20.0
Courts of justice	1.4
Local authorities	73.0
Investments in social services	4,496.0
Education	425.0
Higher Education	100.0
Religion	10.0
Employment and vocational training	32.8
Health	313.0
Social welfare	80.6
Housing	3,485.0
Investments in economic services	1,803.2
Agriculture	200.0
Water supply system	100.0
Oil pipelines and oil drilling	70.0
Industry and crafts	463.5
Tourism	28.3
Transportation	186.5
Roads	150.0
Communications	540.0
Miscellaneous projects	60.0
Debt Redemption	5,180.0
Budgetary Turnover Capital	50.0
Reserve for Development Expenditure	129.4
Frozen Reserve	—

First planned economic slowdow

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

ISRAEL IS MOVING into its first planned economic slowdown, according to an official prediction of the national accounts in 1975, prepared jointly by the Treasury and the Bank of Israel, and released yesterday together with the Budget. Output — which grew by 10 per cent in 1972 and six per cent in each of the following two years — will increase by barely three per cent in 1975.

As the population grows by almost that amount, the conclusion is that output per capita will not rise at all. Output per worker will rise — but the number of workers is likely to remain static. Statistical tables in the National Budget show that the population is due to increase by 77,000, and the labour force by 26,000, whereas the number in actual employment will expand by 2,000 only.

Does that mean unemployment? Avraham Agmon, Director-General of the Treasury, thinks not. "Israelis have got used to seeing full employment as over-employment. Instead there will be what might be called a "balanced" employment situation." In other words we shall be facing a new problem of 'frictional unemployment', as people move out of one job and have to gird themselves for employment elsewhere — say, in a growth industry, where vacancies exist.

Economic planning, he said, is limited by three factors: the massive allocation for defence, the need to combat inflation, and the need to reduce the trade deficit. The shortage of foreign currency makes it necessary to retrench, and investment has been cut by 10 per cent.

These harsh measures will start up a salutary shift in the structure of the Israeli economy. Private consumption will increase, it is predicted, by 2.5 per cent, which means that per capita it will not increase at all. Therefore imports will decline slightly, in real terms (by two per cent), while resources switch to export.

Israel imports largely terials and exports larg factured goods. The term may change slightly to h age. The forecast is th prices will go up by five export prices by nine per ports will increase in vol by 7-8 per cent. In mo they will expand by $4,100m., while imports i only $300m. to $7,300m. deficit will still gape w $3,200m.

The improvement is on as compared with 1974; t step in the right direct time when Israel's arms in cluding materials for the pons industry) will b $2,000m. and more. Mr pointed out that close to of that is not covered by grants or loans, and m nanced from Israel's other

Ephraim Dovrat, Econ viser to the Treasury, st building activity will sho crease. There will be a

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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CONDITION
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1974

	IL.	31.12.73 IL.
Capital, reserves and surplus	12,992,502	10,563,937 *
Capital notes	4,500,000	4,500,000
Deposits and other accounts	388,372,842	277,450,005 *
Liabilities on account of customers (see contra)	137,927,370	106,276,331
	543,792,714	398,790,273

* Reclassified

	IL.	31.12.73 IL.
Cash in hand and balances with Bank of Israel and banking institutions	147,483,368	136,907,551
State of Israel Treasury bills and government bonds, at cost	7,128,327	4,600,855
Shares in Subsidiary companies	2,600	2,500
Loans, bills discounted and other accounts	245,319,070	149,201,394
Bank premises, Equipment and other Property	5,931,979	1,801,642
Liabilities of customers (see contra)	137,927,370	106,276,331
	543,792,714	398,790,273

Baron Edmond de Rothschild, Chairman of the Board
David Shoham, Managing Director

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS FOR THE YE
ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1974

	IL.	31.12 IL.
Operating income	51,012,316	32,4
Operating expenses	44,873,751	26,05
Operating profit, before taxes on income	6,138,565	6,38
Provision for taxes on income	3,350,000	3,60
Net Profit	2,788,565	2,78
Surplus at beginning of year	5,269,587	3,15
	8,058,152	5,94
Transfer to reserve for proposed distribution of bonus shares	510,637	—
Cash dividends, Gross	697,500	67
Surplus at end of year	6,850,015	5,26

An amount of IL. 3,200,000 was appropriated during the to general reserve, of which IL. 1,600,000 having transferred from the inner reserve. The balance of general reserve on balance sheet date amounted IL. 6,700,000.

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Unesco faces financial disaster because of anti-Israel moves

RIS (UPI). — The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco) faces financial disaster and possible extinction because of Arab-sponsored anti-Israel resolutions, and some officials want to shelve the resolutions quietly as a solution, Unesco sources say.

But the Director-General of Unesco thinks the situation can be solved.

The financial rug was pulled out from under Unesco last November when its general conference shut Israel out of regional activities and cut off Unesco aid to Jerusalem on Arab-blocked charges that religious monuments in the Holy City had been damaged.

Hundreds of letters charging that the non-political organization had no business passing politically motivated resolutions still pour into Unesco and to the Israeli delegation.

The condemnations included a December 17 U.S. congressional amendment that no more money be granted to Unesco "until the president certifies that the organization... has taken concrete steps to correct its recent decisions of a political character."

The U.S. provides approximately one-quarter of the Unesco budget.

But some Unesco sources see a way out of the impasse.

Violinist Yehudi Menuhin, president of the International Music Council allied with Unesco, said in a letter released yesterday that Unesco Director-General Amadou M'Bow told him that "providing Israel meets the specific technical point of the resolution concerning Jerusalem, he is confident that the Unesco executive council meeting in May will decide not to apply the sanctions."

The resolution calls upon Israel to undertake no more archaeological digging or reconstruction in the Old City of Jerusalem.

A high Unesco official recently said in New York that "the Unesco executive board could postpone the sanctions if there are new facts."

However, officials at Unesco headquarters in Paris say the board has no powers to shelve any resolutions. They say the resolutions can be changed only at the next general conference in 1977.

Unless some action is taken, they say, Unesco will run out of money by then. The group's programme already has been slashed because it operates on dollars, which have lost nearly 25 per cent of their value in France, Unesco headquarters.

M'Bow currently is on his second trip to the Arab world. Unesco officials deny reports he goes around "hat in hand" to seek money from oil-rich Arab nations. They insist that if Unesco needs loans, the executive board would formally ask for funds.

Menuhin criticizes Israel and fund for refugees

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Yehudi Menuhin, who has been criticised for refusing to boycott Unesco activities in protest at its anti-Israel resolutions, has refused to aid a fund for Palestinian refugees. In both cases he has written long letters explaining the reasons for his attitude.

Regarding his decision on Unesco, the violinist stressed in a letter to Jewish musicians the need to give Unesco Director-General Amadou M'Bow every change to "override the divisive effect of these resolutions."

He said "Israel would win many friends who now either condemn her out of hand or who are only limply reluctant to offend their Jewish friends and colleagues" if Israel did the following things:

If Israel made a statement to the effect that "she recognized herself as holding Jerusalem in trust for humanity and that she undertook not to dig or construct without the consent of the other religions and cultures which also recognize Jerusalem as their most treasured centre.

- "If Israel established around the world the assurance that she was not seeking her own exclusive national and political hegemony over Jerusalem.
- "If she showed herself prepared to listen to censure and criticism in a mature way (as we musicians must)."

When Menuhin was approached by the Cambridge Fund for Palestinian Refugees, he wrote to the organizer explaining he could not support the educational project.

"Those most vociferous in decrying the injustice suffered by the Palestinian Arabs have been and are the most callous in failing themselves to offer any sympathy or help in their sad plight. The only handouts are arms and the incitement to violence.'."

Hindu priest crowns Nepalese King Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev in Katmandu yesterday. The ceremony was attended by more than 300 dignitaries from 50 countries who saw the 29-year-old monarch formally enthroned. Queen Aishwarya is seated next to her husband. (AP radiophoto)

KGB arrests six Jews after protest

MOSCOW. — A large contingent of uniformed and plainclothed police yesterday broke up a demonstration in downtown Moscow by seven Jews seeking permission to emigrate to Israel, witnesses said.

The police pounced seconds after the Jews unfurled banners reading "Visas not Prisons" and "Freedom for the Prisoners of Zion."

The witnesses said the demonstration outside the Lenin Library had clearly been expected since police were waiting at the entrance of the building and had parked buses along the road, apparently to prevent passers-by seeing the arrests.

Men who appeared to be police filmed the demonstration from a nearby truck.

Six of the demonstrators were arrested, among them prominent activists Anatoly Scheransky and Mark Nashpits. The seventh, Alexander Gvintner, was allowed to go free.

This was the first such demonstration since the Soviet Union renounced its trade agreement with the U.S. because of legislation requiring that Soviet emigration be liberalized. At the last protest staged by Jewish activists, last October, police allowed the three demonstrators to go free.

Yesterday, Jewish biologist Alexander Goldfarb asked a scientific conference in California to help him in his attempt to emigrate from the Soviet Union. He wrote the international conference on genetic engineering at Asilomar, California, to give an opinion as to whether his particular branch of learning could be used in warfare.

"However crazy this request may seem, the fact is that last spring my application for a visa to emigrate to Israel was turned down by Soviet authorities because (my) research was considered 'important for the state security of the USSR'."

Goldfarb last October challenged Soviet authorities to arrest him for treason, saying he had sent all the results of his researches to the Weizmann Institute in Israel, and that there was therefore no further reason for holding him on security grounds.

Goldfarb was engaged in research into molecular biology at the Kurchatov Institute of Atonmic Energy in Moscow. But he lost his job upon applying to emigrate.

Goldfarb accompanied his request with letters from several scientists, including Nobel Prize winners, supporting his argument that his work represents no security risk.

He said he has asked the Ministry of Interior here to tell him why, exactly, his work is considered important for security. He said that if he received a convincing answer he would immediately desist in his attempt to emigrate.

(UPI, Reuter, AP)

British politicians stream to Arab states

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — A stream of British politicians have been making their way to the Middle East in recent weeks and at this very moment two politicians and one Lord Mayor are currently touring Arab states.

For the government, David Ennals, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, has just returned from a visit to five Persian Gulf states. Full of enthusiasm for what he found, he spoke of the "wide and exciting" opportunities for the expansion of trade between Britain and the region.

For the opposition, Lord Carrington, Conservative leader in the House of Lords, is currently touring the region carrying a personal message from the new Tory leader, Margaret Thatcher, to King Faisal, King Hussein, President Sadat and President Assad. It appears he won't have time to squeeze a visit to Israel into his crowded itinerary. He is now in Amman for a four-day visit, having come from Saudi Arabia. He will go on to Egypt and Syria.

For the City of London, Lord Mayor Sir Murray Fox is in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, to tell them how experienced are the financiers of the city at looking after money. Sir Murray also happens to be a partner in Chestertons, one of Britain's leading estate agents.

For investment, Reginald Maudling visited Abu Dhabi and Kuwait in the middle of January. The former Conservative Home Secretary who was forced to resign over financial scandals, has been appointed opposition spokesman on foreign affairs since his return from the Middle East.

For reasons unknown, Lord Home, formerly Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home is in Egypt for a 10-day "private visit."

General killed in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH (UPI). — Rebel forces yesterday ambushed and killed the Cambodian general in charge of training government forces, military sources said. He was the second senior government officer killed in less than 24 hours.

Military sources said the latest official killed was Gen. Hem Pao who was ambushed with his escort on Highway 4, the so-called Friendship Highway, 32 kms. west of Phnom Penh.

Col. Hang Yiv, governor of Oudong the former royal capital 29 kms. northwest of Phnom Penh, was killed on Sunday by a rebel attack on his command post in Oudong city.

Communist gunners yesterday fired 22 rockets into Phnom Penh and its adjacent international airport, killing one person and wounding five. Two of the rockets hit the northern edge of Phnom Penh. Other rebel gunners bombarded the airport at the province capital of Takeo, 80 kms. south of Phnom Penh, killing nine civilians and wounding 32 others, field reports said.

The rocket attacks did not slow down a $4.6m. U.S.-financed airlift of badly needed ammunition for the capital's battlefronts.

Bomb demolishes car of Lisbon centre politician

LISBON (UPI). — A bomb yesterday demolished the car of a leading member of the left-of-centre Popular Democratic Party (PPD) near Lisbon, while gunfire wounded two people and disrupted a party rally in the north of the country on Saturday.

Police said the bomb exploded underneath the car of Francisco Pinto Balsemao, the editor of the weekly newspaper "Expresso" who helped create the PPD. The car was parked outside his home.

Balsemao is currently in the U.S. seeking support for the party, but the police said his family was inside the house in Cascais, 24 kms. west of the capital, when the explosion occurred. No one was injured.

In the northern town of Chaves, left-wing demonstrators attempting to break up a PPD rally, fired four shots at the PPD supporters, wounding two of them Saturday night, a party spokesman said.

The PPD said an estimated 200 demonstrators invaded the balcony of the movie theatre where the rally was being held and began shouting anti-PPD slogans. Then the shots were fired. Police called to the scene arrested several persons and confiscated a number of weapons.

In Jakarta, the Indonesian news agency Antara reported yesterday that, leftist groups have practically taken control in Portuguese Timor, and refugees are fleeing to the Indonesian part of the island.

The report said more than 300 refugees have crossed the border.

"The number of refugees has gone up tremendously within the last few weeks as threats against citizens opposed to leftist groups have developed into terror," Antara said.

It reported that the refugees said the security forces are openly in favour of the leftist groups. The leftist groups are allied with the Fretilin Party, which wants Portuguese Timor to remain with Portugal, Antara said.

There are two other parties in the Portuguese overseas province, the UDT, which advocates independence, and the Apodeti, which wants to join Indonesia.

Wilson hunts leak after paper prints 'Tory cover-up of Queen's wealth'

LONDON. — Prime Minister Harold Wilson said yesterday both the government and London police have launched probes to discover how the Communist newspaper "Morning Star" obtained documents purporting to show the last Conservative government tried to cover up the extent of Queen Elizabeth's wealth.

"I understand the documents are authentic, and I am much concerned how copies reached the 'Morning Star'," Wilson told Parliament. He said the Department of Trade, from which the documents originated, began its own inquiry on Friday and that the Director of Public Prosecutions, Sir Norman Skelhorn, also ordered a separate police probe since criminal offences may well have been committed."

Wilson made his statement to Parliament after the "Morning Star" yesterday morning published another document about the Queen's wealth .The first was published on Saturday. The paper's editors said the documents reached it anonymously through the mail.

The question of the Queen's riches — by some estimates as much as £50m. (IL700m.) — came under public scrutiny recently after Wilson proposed she be given an annual raise of £420,000 (about IL5.8m.) to cover rising housekeeping expenses.

Leading Tories were outraged by publication of the papers apparently drawn up in the Department of Trade and Industry more than a year ago when former Prime Minister Edward Heath was in power.

At the time the Heath government was preparing a bill to force fuller disclosure of the names of shareholders in major companies. But one clause exempted certain categories of shareholders — including the Queen — from revealing their holdings "in the national interest." The bill never became law.

The document the "Morning Star" printed yesterday was a letter dated December, 1973. It was from Roger Hird, then private secretary to the Secretary of State for Trade, to Robert Armstrong at Heath's 10 Downing Street office. It referred to "the problem which arose in relation to the Queen's private shareholdings" and said a "generally acceptable solution" had been worked out. *(AP, UPI)*

Kashmir's Lion back in power

NEW DELHI (AP). — Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah, the tenacious Lion of Kashmir, settled his 22-year dispute with the Indian Government yesterday and regained power in his divided country.

The Sheikh, jailed for nearly 15 years on charges of plotting the state's secession, came out of the political wilderness following an historic accord with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

Quietly reading a prepared statement to Parliament, Mrs. Gandhi said she had agreed to the Sheikh's return to power in Kashmir following his acceptance of the state's accession to India as "final and irrevocable."

The 69-year-old Sheikh, in a separate statement, announced he had dropped his decades-old demand for a plebiscite to determine the future of Kashmir, three-fifths of which is controlled by India and the rest by Pakistan.

A few hours after the settlement was announced, *Mrs. Gandhi's Congress* Party in Kashmir unanimously chose the Sheikh as its leader in the state legislature, symbolizing his election as head of the government in Indian-controlled Kashmir.

U.S. ENDS 10-YEAR EMBARGO ON ARMS TO PAKISTAN, INDIA

WASHINGTON (UPI). — The U.S. announced yesterday that it has lifted its embargo on the export of military equipment to Pakistan and India.

In the future, State Department spokesman Robert Anderson said, the U.S. will consider requests by both countries for arms exports for cash on a case-by-case basis.

"Our previous policy," Anderson said, "permitted only the export of non-lethal end items and spares and ammunition for U.S.-provided equipment. "In making this modification, we are bringing U.S. policy into line with that followed by other major Western arms suppliers, such as the British and French."

The announcement reflected a change in a 10-year-old policy, the U.S. having embargoed arms exports to both India and Pakistan in 1965 when both countries were at war. The decision followed the recent visit of Pakistani Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto to Washington when he urged President Ford and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger to lift the embargo.

Explaining the decision, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and East Asian Affairs Roy Atherton said that while indicating Pakistan's need for defensive weapons such as anti-aircraft and anti-tank guns, Bhutto had not made any formal or specific request for military materials. Also, he said, the U.S. was not aware of any Indian interest in securing American military hardware.

In New Delhi, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said, "Our reactions will be conveyed in Parliament," although he refused to say when the government will make the statement.

Meanwhile, Soviet Defence Minister Marshal Andrei Grechko arrived *in New Delhi yesterday on a three-*day visit heading the highest ranking Russian military delegation to visit India.

He was received by Indian Defence Minister Swaran Singh who described the Defence Minister as a "friend of India.'

Neither Moscow nor New Delhi has disclosed the quantity or value of arms India has received from Russia in the past 10 years. Western diplomatic sources estimate the value of Russian weapons supplies to India, including sophisticated planes and submarines, at nearly $2,000m.

One party for Bangladesh

DACCA (UPI).—Bangladesh President Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, in an apparent move to tighten his control, set up one national party yesterday with himself as its chairman.

The launching of the new party, named Bangladesh Krishak Sramik Awami League (Peasants and Workers People's League), came a month after the country switched from a parliamentary democracy to a presidential form of government.

Passengers eat cow that derailed them

CORDOBA, Argentina (UPI). — A train slammed into a cow and was derailed. The 700 passengers got out and ate the cow.

Police said yesterday the accident occurred on Sunday when the train stopped suddenly in an attempt to avoid hitting a cow grazing on the track. The sudden jerk derailed the four-car train outside Obispo Trejio. No major injuries were reported.

Police said the passengers climbed out of the crowded train into the warm Argentine countryside, slaughtered the cow, built a fire and roasted the sides of beef.

When police and train repair crews arrived, there was nothing left of the cow but skin and bones.

Economic slowdown

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...ate building (owing to the fall in demand), offset by a spurt of public building.

Extra resources available to the economy last year (IL2,200m.) were used as follows:

	Per cent
Private consumption	16
Public consumption (nearly all of it defence)	84
Exports	—

In 1975, available resources will increase by IL1,800m., and are expected to divide up as follows:

	Per cent
Private consumption	33
Public consumption	17
Exports	50

Mr. Dovrat stated bluntly that the authorities would have cut private consumption even more, except that they did not want to create unemployment. This has to be avoided because immigration is expected to rise from 31,000 last year to 45,000, and all newcomers must be absorbed in jobs.

Mr. Agmon interjected that earlier versions of the National Budget prepared by the Economic Planning Authority revealed that the trade gap could turn out to be $3,700m. and even as much as $4,000m. These calculations dictated the need to deflate as strongly as possible. Under the present plan, the foreign exchange reserves will at least not decline next year, he said.

Arabs set up new monetary fund

BEIRUT (UPI).—Arab states have decided to set up a joint monetary fund with a capital exceeding $1,700m. whose proposed aim is to take money from oil-rich Arabs and loan it to their needy brothers."

The Middle East News Agency said the decision was taken at a weekend conference in Baghdad of governors of 19 Arab central banks. It said the fund will have a capital of £750m. ($1,725m.) despite objections from Ahmed Zendou, governor of the Egyptian Central Bank, who described this as a "relatively small amount."

Lufthansa fires captain and engineer for Nairobi crash

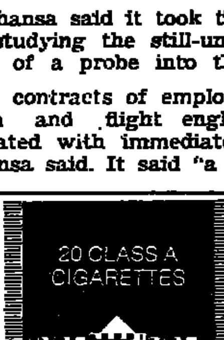
COLOGNE (UPI). — West German Lufthansa airlines yesterday fired the captain and flight engineer of a Boeing 747 jumbo jet that crashed in Africa, killing 59 of the 157 persons on board.

Lufthansa said it took the action after studying the still-unpublished results of a probe into the crash.

"The contracts of employment of captain and flight engineer are terminated with immediate effect," Lufthansa said. It said "a disciplinary measure" will be taken against the co-pilot.

Both the airline and passengers have praised Capt. Christian Krack for his handling of last November's crash at Nairobi airport, saying he was largely responsible for the high number of survivors.

German news media has blamed malfunctioning leading edge flaps as the cause of the crash and Lufthansa has introduced what it termed "an acoustic take-off warning system."



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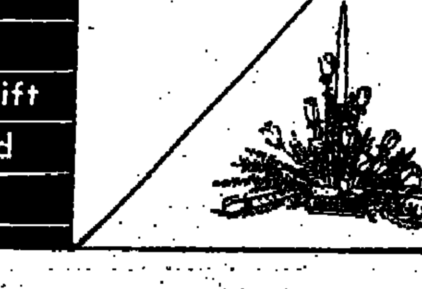

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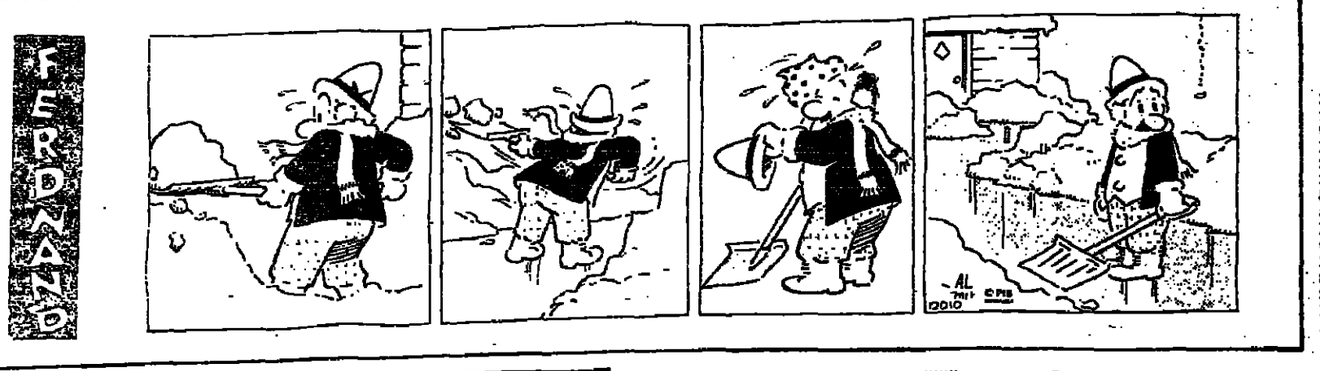

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AMPHITHEATRE: The Golden Voyage of Sinbad; **ARMON:** Airport '75; **ATZMON:** Death Wish; **BEIT ROTHSCHILD:** Sun. at 10.00 Les Parapluies de Cherbourg, Mon. at 6.00 Gigi, Tues. at 6.00 The King and I, Wed. at 10.00 An American in Paris, Thurs. at 6.00 Sweet Charity; **CHEN:** Walking Tall; **MIRON:** Street of Desires; **OREDAN:** Cabaret; **MORIAH:** I Walk the Line; **ORAH:** Murder on the Orient Express, 4, 6.45, 9.15; **ORION:** The Wild Gang at 10, 2, 7, 9, mat. on Purim at 12, 4 The X from Outer Space; **ORLY:** American Graffiti 6.45, 9.00; **PEER:** Some Like it Hot; **RON:** The Odessa File; **SHAVIT:** Sleuth 6.45, 9.00.

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Newsreels: 7.05 p.m.
2nd Programme: 6.05 a.m., 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 1.00 p.m., 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, midnight and 1.00 a.m.
Newsreels: 7.05 a.m., 1.05 p.m.
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Newsreels: 8.05 a.m., 5.05 p.m., and 12.05 a.m.

FIRST PROGRAMME
256, 322 and 221 M.

7.58 Opening. 8.10 "Musical Classics in modern Dress". 9.05 One Hour with...Ahasuerus". 10.05 "The Happy Station" — *The Netanya Orch, Laszlo Rooth* conducting. 11.00 News in easy Hebrew. 11.05 Ivrit La'am. 11.15 Songs for Purim. 11.30 "Radio-story". 12.05 Foss: Third Movement from Baroque — Variations (Bernstein); Stanley Silverman: Pop Opera (M. Tilson Thomas); Berio: Third Movement from Symphony (Swingle Singers — N.Y. Philharmonic). 2.10 Mother and Child. 3.05 "Radiodea — Improving your Knowledge." 3.30 Literature — Questions and Answers. 3.50 The Halacha. 4.10 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.11 Purim Quiz — repeat of quiz 1964 — uninterrupted broadcast until 6.00. 6.05 "This is Kiryat Shem." 6.35 For the Farmer. 7.05 "Today." 7.25 Light Music. 7.50 Bible Reading, Yehezkel, chaps. 11 and 12. 8.05 Radio Chess Competition. 8.07 World of Science. 8.30 (Stereo) — Jer. Symph. Orch. — Luciano Berio conducting, with Cathy Berberian. Michael Maisky — Rossini-Respighi: "La Boutique Fantasque"; Boccherini: Cello Concerto; Berio: In Memory of Bruno Maderna; Folksongs. 11.05 "A Dog's Life". 12.10 A Moment of Poetry. 12.13 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
457, 423, 396, 249, 355 and 349 M.

6.58 a.m. Opening. 6.00 Religious Service. 6.10 Exercises. 6.20 Musical Clock. 6.55 Programme Announcements. 6.59 A Moment of Hebrew. 7.05 "This Morning." 7.35 Hebrew *Songs.* 7.55 "Green Light." 8.05 Announcements. 8.10 Good Morning. 8.55 "Names and Events in the Headlines." 9.05 "Good Morning" (cont.). 10.05 "Here at Home." 11.40 Where to go and light music. 12.05 Programme for the Worker and the Employer. 12.30 Hebrew Songs. 1.05 p.m. "At Midday." 2.10 "Al Galav Yavi" — new records and recordings. 3.05 Requests — Oriental Songs. 3.52 "Names and Events in the Jewish Scene." 4.10 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.11 Spanish and Latin American Songs. 4.30 S. Rosen's Quiz. 4.35 Spanish and Latin American Songs (cont.). 5.10 "It Makes Me Laugh." 6.05 "Songs on one Theme." 6.45 Today's sport. 6.55 Announcements. 9.05 "Direct Broadcast". 10.05 Hebrew Songs. 11.05 "I'm Yours and You are Mine." 1.05 Close Down.

FIFTH PROGRAMME
445 M.

6.58 p.m. Opening. 7.00 News. 7.05 Song and Melody. 8.05 Song and Melody.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR

7.00 p.m. News in easy Hebrew. Ivrit La'am. 7.15 Georgian. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Ladino. 8.15 Mograbi. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Russian. 9.00 Close Down.

ENGLISH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES

7.00 a.m. (4th programme and short waves); 1.30-2.00 p.m. (4th programme and short waves);
6.00 p.m. (4th programme);
8.30-8.45 (4th programme);
10.00-10.35 p.m. (short waves).

FRENCH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES

7.15 a.m. (4th programme and short waves); 2.00-2.30 p.m. (4th programme and short waves);
6.00 p.m. (4th programme);
8.45-9.00 p.m. (4th programme);

ISRAEL TELEVIS

5.30 News. 5.32 "I've Entertainment for C Gashash Hahiver. 8. Mabat. 9.00 "Cleaning "Mr. Axelford's Angel" Juan." 10.45 News.
Educational: 4.00 " 4.04 The Circus. 4.20 Camera." 4.40 "Challe
Arabic: 6.30 News. 6.3 7.00 Family Magazine.

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5.58 Morning Prayer. 7.35 Programme Traile sreel. 9.05 "Sandwich." ty. 1.05 Jewish Humour programme. 3.05 An Ho 4.05 Entertainment for Newsreel. 5.40 Tunes Programme Trailer. 6.0 Art and Entertainme "Dialling and Songs." 1 12.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 2.05 Light Music. 3.05-6.0

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JERUSALEM

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HEBREW UNIVERSITY, tours in English at 9 and 11 a.m. from Administration Building. Givat Ram Campus. Mount Scopus tours 11.30 a.m. from Truman Building. Further details: Tel. 35430.

Rubin Academy of Music, Jerusalem, in cooperation with the Jerusalem Municipality Culture Section: Tonight, Sunday, February 23, at 8.30 p.m. in the hall of the Academy, 7 Rehov Peretz Smolenskin, Jerusalem — Guest Lecture by the Composer, Sootzyano Baryo, on his approach to composition.

Jerusalem Biblical Zoo, Schneller Wood, Romema. Tel. 533822, 7.30 a.m. — dusk.

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DEPARTURES: El Al 133 to Nairobi and Johannesburg, 0155; El Al 839 to Amsterdam and N.Y., 0500; TWA 811 to Rome, Paris and Boston, 0530; Swissair 331 to Zurich, 0700; El Al 439 to Zurich and Amsterdam, 0720; CPA 241 to Athens, Amsterdam, Montreal and Toronto, 0730; El Al 437 to Rome and Paris, 0740; El Al 001 to N.Y., 0800; KLM 526 to Amsterdam, 0810; Air France 133 to Lyons and Paris, 0850; El Al 435 to London 0900; TWA 881 to Athens and N.Y., 0910; El Al 409 to Athens, 0920; BA 485 to London, 0925; El Al 387 to Frankfurt, 1000; Sabena 202 to Brussels, 1010; Alitalia 739 to Rome, 1425; Lufthansa 633 to Munich and Frankfurt 1615; Austrian 714 to Vienna, 1700; Air France 192 to Teheran, Bombay, Bangkok, Saigon and Hong Kong, 1730; TWA 810 to Bombay, and Bangkok, 1750; Cyprair 303 to Nicosia, 1825; El Al 521 to Nicosia, 1900; Tarom 246 to Bucharest, 1920.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

TEL AVIV STOCKS

BUDGET'S EFFECTS

...ing series of new taxes and the ...ance Minister's budget speech ... two opposing effects on the stock market yesterday.

Stocks, especially industrials, fell sharply, since most investors apparently believed that companies were in for a hard time. On the other hand, index-linked bonds reacted upwards, as new taxes were expected to lead to a five per cent increase on the cost-of-living index.

Turnover in both bonds and stocks was heavier than usual.

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...Electric Corp. A	r	—	162
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...Hapoalim—10%	b	293	292
...Leumi "A"	b	241.5	246
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...Mortgage Bank	b	272	278
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...Bldgs.	b	75.5	77
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...Israel Electric Corp.	r	140.5	141.5
...Lightnings & Supply	r	124	127
...AND, BUILDING ...DEVELOPMENT ...ND OFFICES			
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...Land Dev.	b	101	104
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Rassco—9%	r	86	93
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INDUSTRIAL			
Alliance—B	r	408	408
Elco—2.5	b	86	90
Electra—5	r	121	135
"Azrieli"—8%	b	188	200
"Ata"—C	r	78.5	81
Dubek	b	337	349
Elect. Wire & Cable	b	133	135
Teva		1100	1090
Chem. & Phosphates	r	131	138
Lewin Epstein	b	70	70.5
Moller Textile	r	219	225
Phoenicia—5%	b	69.5	74
Paper Mills	r	268	274
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Steinberg—9%	b	104.5	105
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INVESTMENT & HOLDING COMPANIES			
Elgar	b	81	83
Elbarn	b	150.5	157
Israel Central Trade	r	164	163
Bank Hapoalim	b	244	245
Pax	b	92	93.5
Wolfson IL10	b	70.5	75
Ampa	r	104	113.5
Discount Bank	b	155.5	162.5
United Mizrahi	b	149	151
Bank Leumi	r	189	197
Piryon Investment	r	96.5	99
Hassuta-For. Trade	r	80	81
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WALL STREET

Closing Monday, February 24, 1975

Some of 1975 gains trimmed

NEW YORK (AP). — The stock market trimmed some of its 1975 gains yesterday. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials was down nearly 10 points half an hour before the close. Trading was active. Losers broadly led gainers by about two to one on the New York Stock Exchange.

Shortly after the opening the Dow index, which had risen 172.17 points from its December 6 low, pushed sharply lower in what one analyst described as a "long-awaited selloff."

In the news, several major commercial banks lowered their prime lending rates to 8.5 per cent and the government reported a fifth monthly decline in new orders for durable goods.

Glamour stocks led the decline. Oils were also lower. Brokers attributed this to profit-taking and urging by labour leaders that oil companies be regulated as public utilities.

Th Dow Jones average of 30 industrials closed down 12.83 at 736.94. It was the sharpest daily decline in the blue-chip index since December 2, when it fell 15.64.

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...Ga	36 3/8	Dress Ind	48 3/4	Macy RH	17 3/4	Singer Co	10 3/4
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Employees as persons, not ciphers

By ... Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "In business, you generally find that when something is morally right, it is also good business," according to Mr. Lewis Goodman, director of Marks and Spencers, chairman of the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce and vice chairman of the Jerusalem Economic Council.

Mr. Goodman, who returned to England last week, was in Israel for Fashion Week. He also lectured to various Israeli audiences about labour relations. As an employer of some 38,000 individuals, Mr. Goodman speaks with the authority of experience.

"At Marks and Spencers we try to treat our employees as individuals rather than statistics or numbers. This approach may be seen in the one to sixty ratio that Marks and Spencer maintains between managers and personnel," Mr. Goodman says. "This ratio is quite unique, at least in England, and we've found that our labour turnover is smaller and absenteeism less than in other organisations."

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Social workers — too often seen as society's stop-gap

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HERZLIYA. — Commenting on the decision of the Union of Social Workers to close the country's welfare offices last Thursday, union member Pinhas Frank described the social workers' behaviour as "aggressive." However, in his official capacity as head of the Herzliya welfare office, Mr. Frank accepted the decision of the majority and supported the union's action, which involved some 200 social workers in a 24-hour protest against the recent increase in violence directed towards them and the leniency which the police and courts have been displaying towards offenders.

The Herzliya welfare office is among the most highly regarded in the country. It also has a very low incidence of violence. Unlike many other offices in the country, there are no guards or policemen present, the doors to the individual social workers' offices are open and those seeking aid can virtually wander in and out. They don't, however, preferring to sit patiently, awaiting their turn.

Frank attributes the low incidence of violence precisely to this lack of guards and the openness of the office, a claim which runs counter to what many other social workers think should be the case.

"When you have guards around, you are actually increasing the chances of violence," he explains. "When a man or woman comes to the welfare office, he is seeking a solution to his problems and a release from the distress from which he is suffering. A man comes to the welfare office as a last resort. It is important that he feels free and respected, that he feels that he is still a citizen. The presence of a guard prevents that awareness and inhibits the release of the pressure under which he is labouring. The pressure increases and proportionately the possibility of violence increases."

Frank initiated other measures in Herzliya when he took over three and a half years ago. Unlike most Government offices which Israelis deal with, Frank insists that red tape be kept to an absolute minimum and, more important, no one who comes to the office during working hours goes away unreceived by a social worker. At other offices, for example, there are special hours for the reception of the public and someone coming at the wrong time is out of luck, even though the social workers may be present.

At Herzliya, however, there is a social worker on duty during all the hours that the office itself is open who is in a position to either give "first aid," so to speak, or to refer the individual to another authority or worker.

This is not to say that violence never breaks out at the Herzliya office. Every so often the dam bursts and someone threatens a social worker or overturns a table. Frank investigated ten such incidents, and in seven of the cases, the social worker indirectly brought upon themselves their client's wrath by making promises which they were in no position to fulfill.

Frank says social workers must learn when they must say "no." This they can only do when their area of responsibility is carefully defined. Herzliya, for example, will deal with a drug addict's family, but if the addict himself should appear in the office, he will be told without any "ifs," "ands," or "buts" that the welfare office does not deal with addicts and he must go elsewhere.

Too frequently, says Frank, the social worker is regarded as society's stop-gap for a wide variety of problems. "When someone needs housing, for example, we are not the proper address. There are other government institutions to deal with that problem." He adds, "and once the social workers learn the rules, those who come seeking help also learn."

Unfortunately, Frank notes, there is a belief among some individuals that violence can be used to attain certain ends. "I believe that if we give in to these people, we are only increasing the possibility of more violence in the future."

Although Frank did not personally see the work stoppage as the way to deal with violence, he definitely believes that those who threaten social workers should be dealt with as strictly as possible. But there is also the necessity of investigating what is taking place at the welfare offices themselves. "We must deal with the sickness itself, not the symptoms."

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Fiery first division match

REFEREE JOHN YATES sent off Arsenal's England soccer internationals Allan Ball and Bob McNab for arguing against decisions in a fiery first division match against Derby County on Saturday.

Ball, the Arsenal captain, was sent off in the 14th minute and McNab received his marching orders 52 minutes later. Derby won 2-1 with both goals by Steve Powell, who netted the 27th minute winner five minutes after John Radford celebrated his 28th birthday with Arsenal's equalizer.

Stoke City held on to top position, despite being held to a goalless draw by relegation candidates Luton Town. Stoke missed a great chance of victory when Geoff Salmons fired wide from the penalty spot in the 51st minute.

Burnley joined Stoke with 37 points from 31 matches thanks to a 2-1 victory over Sheffield United. Peter Noble and Paul Fletcher netted for Burnley and Alan Woodward scored United's consolation goal.

Everton slipped to third place, a point behind the leaders, after salvaging a goalless draw against local rivals Liverpool. Only brilliant goalkeeping by Dai Davies enabled Everton to grab a point in this 112th meeting between the Merseyside neighbours.

Liverpool is bracketed on 35 points with Manchester City, who beat Birmingham 3-1. Joe Royle scored his first goal for City since his transfer from Everton and Dennis Tueart and Colin Bell added to the tally. Gordon Taylor replied for Birmingham.

League champions Leeds United maintained its climb up the ladder by beating Middlesbrough with a 32nd minute goal by Allan Clarke.

Ipswich Town lost ground with a 3-1 defeat against Coventry City, for whom Alan Green netted twice and Mike Ferguson scored the other goal. Allan Hunter was on the goal mark for Ipswich.

Aston Villa downed second division leaders Manchester United 2-0 but United stayed four points clear of Sunderland, 2-1 losers to Fulham. Norwich joined Sunderland on 38 points with a 1-0 win against Oldham.

British soccer league standings Saturday (tabulate matches played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points):

ENGLISH LEAGUE
Division One

	G	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts.
Stoke	31	13	11	7	48	36	37
Burnley	31	15	7	9	52	45	37
Everton	29	11	14	4	41	27	36
Liverpool	30	14	7	9	42	31	35
Manchester City	30	14	7	9	42	41	35
Ipswich	30	16	2	12	42	29	34
Derby	29	13	8	8	44	38	34
Leeds	30	13	7	10	40	31	33
West Ham	31	11	11	9	48	40	33
Middlesbrough	30	11	10	9	38	33	32
Newcastle	30	13	6	11	47	47	32
Sheffield United	30	12	8	10	40	42	32
Queen's Park Rangers	30	12	7	11	41	39	31
Wolverhampton	30	10	10	10	39	38	30
Coventry	31	9	12	10	41	47	30
Chelsea	30	8	11	11	34	50	27
Birmingham	31	10	6	15	39	48	26
Arsenal	29	9	7	13	32	34	25
Tottenham	32	8	8	16	37	48	24
Luton	29	5	10	14	25	40	20
Leicester	29	6	8	15	27	44	20
Carlisle	30	3	3	19	29	41	19

Division Two

	G	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts.
Manchester United	31	19	6	7	45	23	42
Sunderland	31	14	10	7	50	29	38
Norwich	31	14	10	7	43	29	38
Aston Villa	30	15	7	8	47	28	37
Bristol City	30	14	7	9	32	22	35
Blackpool	31	12	11	8	30	22	35
Bolton	30	13	7	10	37	28	33
West Bromwich	30	13	8	10	34	26	32
Oxford	32	13	6	13	31	41	32
Hull	31	10	11	10	31	47	31
Southampton	30	10	10	10	39	36	30
Notts County	31	9	12	10	34	40	30
Orient	30	7	16	7	22	28	30
York	31	11	7	13	40	41	29
Nottingham Forest	31	10	9	12	33	40	29
Fulham	30	8	12	10	28	34	28
Oldham	31	8	10	13	28	33	26
Portsmouth	31	8	10	13	30	41	26
Bristol Rovers	31	10	6	15	29	46	26
Millwall	31	8	8	15	34	43	24
Cardiff	30	7	10	13	23	43	24
Sheffield Wednesday	30	6	9	16	27	46	19

TRACK & FIELD

DWIGHT STONES of the Pacific Coast Club shattered his world indoor high jump record with a leap of 7 feet, 5¾ inches on Friday night in the U.S. Invitational Track and Field meet in Madison Square Garden.

Stones' leap bettered the mark of 7-5½ he set last Saturday night in Oklahoma City. Stones also holds the world outdoor record of 7-6¼.

Earlier in the meet Filbert Bayi, the Tanzanian with the killing pace, wore down the field in the men's 1,500 metres, winning with a time of 3:41.1. En route to his victory, Bayi broke the 21-year-old indoor record for three-quarters of a mile, reaching that point in three minutes flat. The old mark was 3:01.2 set in 1954 by Joe Deady.

Belgium's Emile Puttemans set world indoor records on Saturday for the six miles and 10,000 metres at a meet at the Porte De Pantin Stadium near Paris, France. Puttemans ran the six miles in 27.17.6 seconds, setting an indoor mark for the distance. He continued to clock 28:12.4 for the 10,000 metres, to beat the previous record indoor time for the distance of 29:05.6, set by Tuominen of Finland in February last year.

The Belgian already holds five world records for indoor running, from the 2,000 to 5,000 metre plus the two mile and three mile. He set a world record time for the 5,000 metres of 13:24 on the same track last year.

FOOTBALL

MIAMI DOLPHINS' star-players Larry Csonka, Paul Warfield and Jim Kiick have returned from a Toronto meeting with their new employer, Canadian millionaire John Bassett Jr., more optimistic about the chances for survival of the World Football League.

All three indicated that if the WFL should disband, they might be interested in remaining with the Dolphins in the National Football League. The trio signed a $3.5m. contract last year with Bassett's team, which was later moved to Memphis, Tenn.

BOXING

BUNNY JOHNSON, Britain's first black heavyweight champion, showed international class in outpointing Pedro Agosto of Puerto Rico over 10 rounds at Manchester's Belle Vue Stadium last Wednesday night.

Agosto, the Puerto Rican champion, kept on his feet and often found it easy to dance away from Jamaican-born Johnson, fighting for the first time as a champion.

TENNIS

ROD LAVER crushed Allan Stone, 6-2, 6-2, on Saturday, to win the world championship tennis La Costa Classic singles tournament in Carlsbad, California. He earned $12,000 in first prize money.

Stone, who earned only $10,210 in WCT prize money last year, received $6,000.

Evonne Goolagong stopped Margaret Court's bid for a second straight victory on Saturday with flawless ground strokes to win the $75,000 Detroit women's pro tennis tournament 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

Jimmy Connors and John Newcombe have agreed to meet in a $250,000 tennis match on April 26 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Connors defeated Rod Laver in a $100,000 match earlier this year in Las Vegas, and Newcombe recently beat Connors in four sets in the Australian Open. Connors' manager, Bill Riordan, reportedly demanded $250,000 or more for the faceoff with Newcombe.

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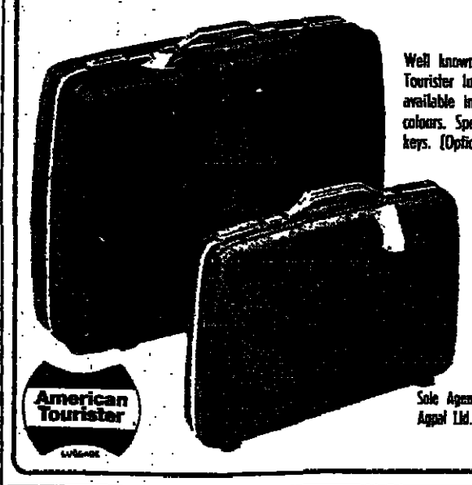

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PAYING OUR WAY

FINANCE MINISTER Yehoshua Rabinowitz has presented stage three of what looks in retrospect (after the July and November instalments) like a very harsh programme of economic retrenchment.

He can plead that he had no choice. A few weeks ago he was charged with doing the opposite — of running the economy on too loose a rein. Prime Minister Rabin had executed a judgment of Solomon in an argument between the Finance and Defence Ministers, decreeing that the military should get an extra IL2,000m. and not the IL5,000m. for which they had asked.

Critics pointed out at the time that this concession would widen the budget deficit from the expected IL1,500m. (declared by experts in the Bank of Israel to be a maximum if severe inflation was to be avoided) to IL3,500m. But the Finance Minister reassured pressmen that he would not in fact let the deficit exceed IL1,500m. Only now has he revealed how he proposed to do it.

The Histadrut claims that he has broken a pledge that there would be no new taxation before July. At the time, Rabinowitz was evidently not aware that defence expenditure would be so large. The budget estimates are now in reasonable balance, and no further taxation should be needed in the coming budgetary year, unless something happens to upset that balance.

One likely development is that the Histadrut may refuse to accept Rabinowitz's formula for calculating the cost-of-living allowance next July. The Minister maintains that compensation should not be paid to wage-earners for that part of the price rise which is caused by the November devaluation and the subsequent new taxes. If the Histadrut, which considers the present round of taxation to be excessive, does not accept this view, then the budget could be shaken out of balance once again.

Mr. Rabinowitz is likely to fight the payment of the full c.o.l. allowance because, with the January allowance already paid, it would mean pumping over IL7,000m. into circulation, a sum which totally overshadows his budget deficit of IL1,500m.

The truth is that the economy is facing a critical turning-point. The two new taxes just approved are likely to edge us into the long-threatened recession. It should be a mild one, provided all sides accept the disciplines embodied in the budget; and that includes wage restraint.

It is only now becoming fully apparent to the man-in-the-street how costly the defence burden has come to be. The shock is the greater because the public had been led to hope for a measure of tax relief as soon as the recommendations of the Ben-Shachar committee on income tax are announced and applied. These proposals will not reduce the amount of revenue deriving from income tax, but it is expected that it will simplify the system and get rid of confiscatory rates at the margin.

It would have been better for the Government to time the latest round of increases in indirect taxes to coincide with the introduction of this reformed income-tax system. It would have made yesterday's draconian new edicts easier to accept and might have put our financial structure on the road to greater credibility.

U.S. formula for peace gains groun

MIDDLE EAST SCENE by ANAN SAFADI

ONCE AGAIN the Middle East is waiting for Godot—in the guise of U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's new peace mission scheduled for the end of next week. Dr. Kissinger will first visit Cairo, and then resume his by now traditional shuttle between Israel and Egypt and probably other states in the area, mainly Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

This week Kissinger is reported to be working with a team of top aides in the State Department and the National Security Council on the outline of an American formula for a second-stage settlement between Egypt and Israel in Sinai. The formula is understood to be aimed at balancing Cairo's demand for a far-reaching Israeli withdrawal beyond the strategic Giddi and Mitla passes and the Abu Rodeis oilfields with Jerusalem's insistance on a long-term no-war pledge from Egypt coupled with minimal political gestures.

The Americans believe that if they are successful in achieving a second stage settlement in Sinai this may lead to what is described in Washington as "further progress." This is thought to mean the Syrian front in particular and the Israel-Arab conflict in general.

It is still too early to evaluate the prospects for Kissinger's forthcoming trip in view of the fact that the American formula is still in the making and is far from having been accepted. It should also be borne in mind that the Secretary of State is continuing to conduct further consultations with the parties concerned and that all these exchanges of opinion are subject to current developments in the public mood in the region.

It would seem at the moment that the Americans are working on the lines of a broad Sinai settlement calling for considerable concessions on the part of both Egypt and Israel. But indications are that the concessions are so far-reaching that neither Egyptian President Anwar Sadat nor Premier Yitzhak Rabin could accept them easily. The forecast, therefore, is that Kissinger's shuttle mission is likely to be extremely difficult.

As far as Sadat is concerned, he seems to be firmly enough in power to overcome any domestic challenges, but in the Arab world he would definitely need more than the support of Saudi Arabia's King Faisal before launching out on peaceful coexistence with Israel, even if based on limited political moves.

Premier Yitzhak Rabin, on the other hand, will need concrete Egyptian action to justify his government's approval of a possible broad pullback in Sinai. Mr. Rabin might need to rally the full support not only of Defence Minister Shimon Peres who is in charge of the country's security, but also that of seasoned politicians, — names such as those of former Premier Golda Meir, former Defence Minister Moshe Dayan and the respected military commentator Haim Herzog, come to mind in order to convince the nation that a further accord concluded with Egypt would be worthwhile.

The Americans for their part believe that immediate progress is essential. They are apparently convinced that further partial settlements will promote Arab moderation and thus obviate the now seemingly certain Geneva Middle East conference being overshadowed by the thorny Palestinian issue and the claim of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to represent the Palestinians.

Indeed the PLO was reported over the weekend to have decided to resort to a renewed terrorist campaign across Lebanon's southern border (and probably also abroad) to undermine possible future Middle East settlement. The sabotage organizations feel that such settlements are likely to lead to their increasing isolation in the region.

It now remains to be seen within the next few days whether the attempt to penetrate into northern Israel on Saturday night by a group belonging to Nayef Hawatmeh's radical Popular Democratic Front signalled the beginning of this campaign.

The declared aim of the terrorists to provoke a new confrontation between the Arabs and Israel is believed in the past to have triggered occasional alerts by Arab armies in Syria and Egypt as well as Jordan.

Egypt and Syria in particular have indicated that they are maintaining their armed forces on the alert pending the outcome of Kissinger's forthcoming mission and the subsequent resumption of the Geneva talks.

As Syria continues to receive arms shipments from Moscow, Cairo last week announced that the Soviets have resumed military supplies to Egypt. While Egyptian spokesmen were at pains to emphasize that the renewed Russian arms flow is being conducted under a l they made clear that ments would replace in the 1973 October leading commentator said that Egypt had gi Union a timetable for ities. One may assum that the new shipment clude warplanes, missil which the Egyptians had lost in large numbe Yom Kippur War.

Arabs intensify economic bo

DESPITE THE CURRENT talk of peace moves in the Middle East, the Cairo-based Arab League this week summoned a pan-Arab conference for tightening up the economic boycott against Israel. The conference is a bi-annual meeting of the Arab Organization for the Boycott of Israel which has been in operation since 1948.

Boycott commissioner, General Mohammed Mahgoub, said that about 2,000 foreign companies and about 150 ships were on the Arab economic blacklist for dealing with Israel. He added that some eight new firms might be blacklisted, citing the Austrian Bank fuer Arbeit und Wirtschaft as an example.

General Mahgoub said that the Cairo conference will discuss the possibility of removing from the blacklist some 57 companies and banks which "have readjusted their position to conform with the regulations of the Arab boycott." He gave the Dayco Rubber Co. of Ohio and the First National Bank of Chicago as two examples, adding that the Arab embargo w lifted partially on two networks, CBS and NB

Mahgoub reported t 1973 war some 200 co approached the Arab office in Damascus aski firms be struck off the submitted evidence th ceased to do business "We asked them for mentary evidence," M mented.

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The French reveal their bedtime (and other) habits

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — THE FRENCH HAVE ALWAYS made a habit of accusing the British of being insular and the Israelis of immersion in the problems of the Middle East. Their traditional image of themselves is of an adaptable people whose behaviour is dictated by Cartesian logic. But over the past weeks the French have discovered —thanks to a nationwide study by the mass-circulation "France-Soir"— that they are considerably different from their own idea of themselves.

"France-Soir" detailed three reporters to travel around the country for six months to find out just what makes the Frenchman — and the Frenchwoman — tick. The trio lived with 100 families, sharing their hosts' homes 24 hours a day. Their findings were supplemented by the work of the IFOP public opinion investigation firm which sent out 300 pollsters to interrogate another 1,000 people.

The project's title is: "That's the way the French are."

Their findings, which are now currently appearing day by day in the newspaper, range from the news that most Frenchmen (53 per cent) sing while they are at home to the fact that they prefer to spend 10 minutes in bed with a good book to taking a sleeping tablet to cure insomnia.

The legend of the Latin lover died hard. But "France-Soir" has dealt it a mortal blow in its report on bedtime habits. Asked what they do last thing before going to sleep, the answers were: have a wash (68 per cent, with more men indulging in this luxury than women); brush their teeth (61 per cent); make sure the street door is locked (62 per cent); switch off the gas (51 per cent); smoke a last cigarette (25 per cent) and say a prayer (22 per cent). If anybody told "France-Soir's" reporters or the pollsters that they ended a hectic day by making love, this phenomenon is being carefully hidden from the newspaper's public.

What makes a Frenchman feel that all's well with his world? Not surprisingly, the answers vary. Francois Carson, a 34-year-old Paris engineer, replies: "When I can smell something good cooking in the staircase of my building and know the smell comes from my flat." Bernadette, a lawyer, says equally prosaically: "When I get on the scales in the morning and discover I've lost 300 grams." An oil broker from Britanny reports: "When television is on strike. Then we can watch a good old movie every night."

Petty events

But the French are not always so good-humoured. A wide range of petty events can upset them. One 23-year-old woman who does not have to work for a living says: "I get furious when somebody says 'Good morning' when I wake up. I think it's ridiculous. Anyhow I hate talking in the morning. Marie-Antoinette Giraud, 37, a schoolteacher from a Paris suburb, says: "I hate the salesgirls and cashiers in the supermarkets. They never smile. They never have a kindly word."

So, with reasonable logic, 42 per cent of the French consider waking up the worst moment of the day. Worse still than leaving for work or arriving at their job (1 per cent in each case). The best time is after dinner (59 per cent), which has double the popularity of bed-time (28 per cent).

Coffee is the national beverage and 77 per cent of the population cannot start the day without a cup, compared with the 7 per cent minority who prefer tea. There is a stalwart band of one per cent who have soup for breakfast. Bread, croissant rolls and rusks are eaten by 69 per cent (52 per cent spread butter and 22 per cent jam). Only 9 per cent have cheese for breakfast and 5 per cent meat.

However, the big rift among the French is over whether to dunk their bread in their coffee. By as narrow a majority (51 per cent) as in their last presidential election, they favour the procedure. Michel Schweitzer, 22, of Longwy, Eastern France, reports: "I always dip my cheese and ham sandwiches in my coffee. I love it. But my fiancee Annick looks at me as if she were about to be sick."

The French spend an average of 45 minutes over their dinner and 59 per cent make sure it is over by 8 p.m. so they can watch the news on television. Nine-tenths of them always sit at the same place around the family dinner table, particularly the older generation. Meat or fish is on 44 per cent of the menus and almost everybody (84 per cent) eats bread. But meat has pride of place at midday when, in spite of soaring prices for even the cheapest cuts, 87 per cent of the country manages to afford it (often thanks to subsidized canteen lunches).

This massive inquiry into the habits of the French has been appearing in "France-Soir" for two weeks. It is scheduled to continue, with occasional intervals, for six months. The newspaper's editor, Henry Amouroux, is reported to have staked his career on the series' success as a boost for the flagging circulation of a newspaper which has announced the impending dismissal of one-third of its staff for economy reasons. This has caused bitter resentment, strikes and demonstrations.

But as "France-Soir" must have been the first to guess, that's the way the French are.

POSTSCRIPTS

THE REVENUE authorities showed an exquisite sense of timing in tabling the National Budget and announcing their new barrage of taxes yesterday on the Fast of Esther, rather than today on the feast of Purim. In view of the additional burden now thrust on us, the slogan of the festival this year should undoubtedly be: "Poor, poorer, Purim." *F.D.*

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IF WOMEN'S LIBBERS are by any chance in search of a patron saint (female, of course) they could do worse than consider the qualifications of Queen Vashti, whose story is being retold all over the Jewish world today.

Even more than Esther, Vashti is a fitting symbol for the women's liberation movement. It must have needed tremendous courage for her to refuse the command of her husband, King Ahasuerus, to display her physical beauties to his drunken nobles at the palace feast. The laws of the Medes and the Persians were absolute and immutable and even the most beautiful of women were likely to lose their lives in disobeying them. As her successor Esther said later in the Purim story: "If I perish, I perish."

The noblemen of the Shushan court were afraid that Vashti's defiance would turn out to be a clarion call to all the women of the realm to liberate themselves and it was for that reason that Ahasuerus got rid of her. So if Esther is the heroine of the story as far as the Jewish people is concerned, then Vashti must be regarded as the heroine of womankind. The five daughters of Zelophehad demanded equal rights for women in certain specific circumstances. Vashti refused to give up her dignity as an individual. *F.D.*

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TWENTY-FOUR BLACKBIRDS baked in a pie was child's play compared with the slaughter carried out by the U.S. Army at a camp on the Kentucky-Tennessee border last week. The swarms of blackbirds in the neighbourhood had been considered a health hazard since they carry diseases including histoplasmosis, a disabling illness which attacks the lungs.

A run of helicopters sprayed Tergitol over the roosts and sprayed 70,000 gallons of water which formed icicles over a section of the birds' resting places. The Tergitol coupled with the water stripped protective oils from the birds' feathers, leaving them of the weather as dropped to below free

Soldiers protected by ber gloves and boots and buried the dead b Press International re officials as saying they to five million birds wo

The spraying prog been delayed pending in a court case brough ronmentalists. The mi given the right to ext birds which had selecte icular army base for homes.

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HONEY IS NOT ON but is becoming incre pensive. Its cost has tripled over the past fi there is a world short substance which, so f can produce.

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While the layman u ciates honey with flowe adian expert points out areas could also be since acacia and mes thrive under dry cult important providers. Further, according to News Service report ject, scientists have covered that another the hive-propolis — whi lect from the buds of t to seal cracks in the h an even higher prote than honey.

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The publication was March of last year.

Dry Bones

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YEDIOT AHARONOT (independent) ascribes the new budget to panic at the Treasury, and "lack of any consistent financial thinking, of any plan to cope with the emergency. We seem to be carried along on a stormy sea with no control over our fate, and with the Government at too frequent intervals taking last-minute measures to save us from drowning.

"Would it not have been possible to impose the new purchase taxes and the 7.5 per cent employers' tax four months ago with the original budget?" The paper asks.

MA'ARIV (independent) feels that the budget was too big in the first place, and instead of freezing part of it even before the total was tabled in the Knesset, it would have been better to cut it and introduce bigger savings in advance. As to the revenue, even though tax reforms appear remote, and there is no certainty that the VAT will be introduced soon, "the new taxes distort the tax picture even more. The new employers' tax will curb the productive sector even further and be a particular burden on manufacturers, whereas the added purchase tax will undoubtedly have a negative effect on the wage structure.

READERS' LETTERS

Police need public's help

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The fears raised by your correspondent Steve Klein, (February 16) in relation to the police telephone tape recorder for use by anonymous informants, would, no doubt, be justified were we living in a totalitarian state.

Fortunately we are not.

As a former London police officer, I am well aware of the necessity of information to the police, a great part of a good policeman's time is taken up with the collecting of information of all sorts and he simply cannot work without it. Obviously he will hear things which have no bearing on his work, but an experienced officer learns to sort the chaff from the wheat.

One of the most popular English TV programmes is "Police 5," in which appeals for witnesses are made, stolen goods are shown for identification, etc. The success rate is high.

Whilst the police are the professionals, it is the duty of all of us to help them however we can to do a very difficult job, and in these days of increasing violence, I think it preferable to use anonymous informants than to see the crime statistics steadily rise. I wish the scheme success.

DAVID THOMAS
Kibbutz Palmachim Tsuba,
February 16.

Poor investment

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — On February 2, "The Miami Herald" published an article written by Gary Wills of the Universal Press Syndicate, entitled "Jerusalem — 'The City of the Three Sabbaths'."

Mr. Wills discloses in the article that he travelled to Israel as part of a group called "Israeli Universities' Studies Group for Middle Eastern Affairs" and that the group's travel and hotel expenses were paid by the Israeli Government.

It's worth noting what Israel has received for its largesse in Mr. Wills' case:

The article, syndicated in many U.S. newspapers, begins with the question, "Why should one faith rule the city where three faiths have a claim?" It ends with a statement that "God cannot be 'owned' exclusively. Not even Jerusalem can be."

This article was followed by a number of others, equally in conflict with the position of Israel in the matter of peace with the Arabs.

Can someone explain how an Israel so hard pressed for funds can expend them in such an unrewarding manner?

LOUIS POLLACK
Miami Beach, February 13.

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